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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 (GAVEL)

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I
9 WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LET
10 BY PASTOR MATT PRICE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
11 CHURCH HERE IN LOS ANGELES. FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
12 ALLEGIANCE LED BY DEAN BROWN, PRESIDENT, LONNIE POTTER, JUAN
13 BLANCO, RON DUTCH VAN METER, RONNIE BAKER, SAMUEL WARNER.
14 BOARD MEMBERS FISHER FOR MEMBER JAMES E. BAKER SERGEANT AT
15 ARMS FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY VETERANS COMMUNITY ACTION
16 COALITION. PASTOR PRICE?

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18 **PASTOR MATT PRICE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY PLEASURE TO BE
19 HERE. LET'S PRAY. ONE WHO ALONE IS HOLY, YOU ARE NOT CONFINED
20 TO SPACE THAT WE MAKE SACRED BUT, RATHER, YOU CHOOSE TO BE
21 WITH US WHEREVER WE ARE. GOD, YOU ARE WITH US NOW. AND WE ARE
22 NOT LIKE YOU. YOU ALONE ARE ALMIGHTY. YOU ALONE ARE ENTIRELY
23 GOOD. YOU ALONE SEE ONLY IN LIGHT. THERE IS NO DARKNESS IN
24 YOU. THERE IS NO CONFUSION IN YOU. THERE IS NO HATRED IN YOU.
25 THERE IS NO BROKENNESS IN YOU, OH GOD. AND SO WE ASK, ALMIGHTY

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1 GOD, BY YOUR ABILITY AND NOT OUR OWN LET YOUR KINGDOM COME AND
2 YOUR WILL BE DONE. WE ASK THAT YOU CAUSE JUSTICE TO FLOW LIKE
3 WATER AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ROLL LIKE A NEVER ENDING RIVER. YOU
4 HAVE SHOWN US WHAT IS RIGHT, TO ACT JUSTLY, TO LOVE MERCY, AND
5 TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOU. HELP US TO DO THAT. FOR THIS COUNTY
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL WHO ARE GATHERED THIS MORNING, I
7 PRAY WHERE WE LACK WISDOM, MAKE US WISE. WHERE WE ARE SMALL-
8 MINDED, GIVE US UNDERSTANDING. WHERE WE ARE BLIND, GIVE US
9 SIGHT. WHERE WE HAVE NOT LISTENED, GIVE US EARS THAT HEAR.
10 WHERE WE LACK COMPASSION, REMIND US OF OUR OWN NEEDED NEED
11 TODAY. GIVE US PEACE AND PATIENCE. ABOVE ALL, GOD, TEACH US
12 LOVE. BY THE POWER OF YOUR PRESENCE, REVEAL TO US THE WAY OF
13 LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES FOR OTHERS, GOING THE EXTRA MILE,
14 TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK, GIVING THE SHIRT OFF OUR BACKS,
15 KNOWING FOREVER THAT THERE IS NEVER ANY LACK IN YOU. YOU HAVE
16 ALL WE NEED. AND YOU DO NOT HOLD BACK YOUR GENEROSITY FROM
17 THOSE IN NEED. AND SO WE TRUST YOU WITH THIS DAY AND ALL THAT
18 IT WILL PRESENT TO US. HELP US TO RESPOND TO YOUR INVITATION
19 TO LIVE THIS DAY WITH YOU AND GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO LOVE. BY
20 YOUR AUTHORITY I ESTABLISH THIS PRAYER, AMEN.

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22 **DEAN BROWN:** I'D LIKE EVERYBODY TO PUT THEIR RIGHT HAND OVER
23 THEIR HEART AND JOIN US IN DOING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO
24 THE FLAG. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A
4 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO ASSOCIATE PASTOR MATT PRICE. HE
5 IS FROM THE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH IN EAGLE ROCK. AFTER
6 PASTOR PRICE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM
7 THE FLORIDA SEMINARY IN 2005 HE BEGAN HIS SERVICE IN THIS
8 THRIVING PARISH. THE CHURCH OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF
9 OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP, AND WE APPLAUD
10 PASTOR PRICE FOR HIS SPIRITUAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND
11 LEADERSHIP. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE THANK
12 YOU SO MUCH FOR LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION. AND THANK YOU SO
13 MUCH FOR YOUR ACTIVISM AND YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN THE
14 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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16 **PASTOR MATT PRICE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, IN MY 32 YEARS ON THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS, WE NEVER HAD A GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS WHO
22 SERVE OUR COUNTRY GIVE A PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT ONE TIME. SO
23 WE THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST
24 SERVICE. FIRST WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE LONNIE POTTER FROM THE
25 ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE IS WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY VETERANS AND

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1 COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION, SERVED WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY
2 DIVISION WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND HE'S RETIRED AND
3 MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN, LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR 25
4 YEARS. LONNIE? OUR NEXT RECIPIENT IS JUAN BLANCO ALSO WITH
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY FROM PALMDALE WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
6 VETERANS COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION. HE SERVED WITH THE 8TH
7 INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY. AND
8 SINCE RETIRED FROM AT&T. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.
9 ALSO IN THE PLEDGE WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS
10 FISHER FORD, ALSO OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, FROM LITTLE ROCK.
11 AND ALSO WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTIONS COMMITTEE.
12 HE SERVED WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS SPECIALIST FOURTH
13 CLASS IN VIETNAM WITH COMPANY B, THE FIFTH BATTALION AND HE'S
14 ALSO RETIRED AND A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, IN
15 HOUSTON, TEXAS. [APPLAUSE.] DEAN BROWN OF PALMDALE WITH THE
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY VETERANS COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION, SERVED IN
17 VIETNAM, WAS A SPECIALIST WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY WITH THE
18 FIRST INFANTRY AND HE'S RETIRED FROM DEAN BROWN CONSTRUCTION,
19 GRADUATE OF EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, JIM
20 BAKER OF LANCASTER, AGAIN WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY VETERANS
21 COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION. HE WAS WITH THE SECOND BATTALION
22 23RD MARINE DIVISION, A SERGEANT IN DESERT STORM AND DESERT
23 SHIELD. AND HE WAS MARRIED WITH FIVE CHILDREN AND FROM CITY
24 HIGH SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. SO ARE YOU A DODGER FAN?
25 [APPLAUSE.] YANKEE FAN, YANKEE FAN. NOW WE HAVE RON DUTCH VAN

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1 METER OF PALMDALE WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY VETERANS COMMUNITY
2 ACTION COMMITTEE. HE SERVED WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY WITH
3 THE 501ST BATTALION AND HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE CALIFORNIA
4 STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE, CSUN. [APPLAUSE.] AND NEXT IS
5 RONNIE BAKER OF LITTLEROCK, WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY VETERANS
6 COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION. HE SERVED IN VIETNAM WITH THE
7 UNITED STATES ARMY AND HAS BEEN IN OUR DISTRICT FOR TWO YEARS,
8 MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]
9 AND CLEANING UP, WE HAVE SAMUEL WARNER, AN ANTELOPE VALLEY
10 VETERANS COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION. HE'S RETIRED, SERVED AS A
11 LIEUTENANT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY -- AS A COLONEL. SEE,
12 THEY DEMOTED YOU HERE. OKAY. COLONEL. BETWEEN 1959 AND THE
13 YEAR 2000. CAREER OFFICER. GRADUATE OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL, LOS
14 ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH USED TO BE MARSHAL HIGH SCHOOL'S
15 RIVAL WHEN I WAS A STUDENT AT MARSHAL. SO WE WELCOME YOU AND
16 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE GOOD
17 THINGS YOU'VE DONE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AS WELL.
18 [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET'S GO AHEAD WITH THE AGENDA,
21 PLEASE. THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.
22 APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU, PASTOR. ALL RIGHT. WE
23 WILL PROCEED WITH THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE
3 THREE, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
4 COMMISSION. ON ITEM NUMBER 1-D, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
5 AGENDA, THIS ITEM IS BEING TAKEN OFF CALENDAR BECAUSE IT WAS
6 HEARD AT THE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014. ON PAGE FOUR,
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM NUMBER 1,
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN
9 FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTE NO ON THIS ITEM. AND ALSO
11 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
12 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, AS INDICATED ON THE
13 POSTED AGENDA, THIS ITEM IS BEING TAKEN OFF CALENDAR BECAUSE
14 IT WAS HEARD AT THE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014. ON
15 ITEM NUMBER 6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
16 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS
18 UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

19
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE REMAINING ITEMS.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER 2 SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND ARE ABSTAINING
4 FROM THE VOTE. IF I COULD TAKE THAT UP AS A SEPARATE MATTER?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MEAN ITEM NUMBER 1.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** EXCUSE ME, ITEM NUMBER 1.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT RECOMMENDATION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE SEVEN, CONSENT
13 CALENDAR, ITEM 10 THROUGH 16. ON ITEM NUMBER 10 THERE'S A
14 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
15 NUMBER 11, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
17 WEEK TO MARCH 4, 2014. ITEM NUMBER 12, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 13,
19 THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
20 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 4.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, SUPERVISOR
25 YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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1 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 15, SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 HELD. AND ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS FROM
4 THE VOTE. THE ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THE RECOGNITION OF THE ABSTENTION,
7 CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 11, ORDINANCES
11 FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 17 AND 18 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT
12 TITLES IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THIS IS AN
13 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING, ADDING OR CHANGING COUNTY
14 CODES, TITLE 5, PERSONNEL AND TITLE 6 SALARIES RELATING TO
15 FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARIES. ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST
16 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 18, THIS
17 AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 6,
18 SALARIES TO ADD AND ESTABLISH THE POSITIONS AND SALARIES OF
19 TWO UNCLASSIFIED CLASSIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF
20 INSPECTOR GENERAL. AGAIN ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
21 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 12,
22 DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 19 AND 20, ON ITEM NUMBER 19, AS
23 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
24 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 25, 2014. ON
25 ITEM NUMBER 20, WELL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 13,

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1 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
2 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 21-A IS BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 21-A, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION
7 SO ORDERED. CONTINUED TO 03-25 TO MARCH 25TH.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 16, NOTICES OF CLOSED
10 SESSION. ON ITEM NUMBER CS-1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
11 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
12 READING ADGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
13 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS, TODAY WE
16 ARE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME THE HONORABLE MARTINHO CODO, THE
17 FIRST CONSUL GENERAL OF ANGOLA. JOINING HIM IS CONSUL GENERAL
18 ANDABA OF SOUTH AFRICA. CONSUL GENERAL CODO GRADUATED
19 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND
20 POLITICAL SCIENCE IN LISBON, PORTUGAL. POST GRADUATED IN THE
21 INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATION IN LUANDA, ANGOLA. HE ALSO
22 SPECIALIZED IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW AT THE
23 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF LAW IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE WORKED WITH
24 CABINDA A GULF OIL COMPANY IN CABNDA BEFORE BEGINNING HIS
25 DIPLOMATIC CAREER WHERE HE SERVED IN TANZANIA AND IN THE

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1 FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. FOLLOWING HIS POSTINGS ABROAD HE RETURNED
2 TO THE MINISTRY IN ANGOLA AND SERVED IN THE BRITISH, GERMAN,
3 SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND THE AMERICAN DESK. FOR NEARLY 10
4 YEARS HE SERVED IN THE ANGOLAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND
5 DURING THAT TIME HE PARTICIPATED IN A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
6 DIALOGUE AS WELL AS THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK
7 AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANGOLA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
8 SENIOR DIPLOMAT CODO INTEGRATED MANY HIGH LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO
9 THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC
10 MEETINGS OF THE PERMANENT CONSUL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 THE O.A.S. NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS AND OUR MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, WE ARE
13 PLEASED TO WELCOME CONSUL GENERAL CODO. CONSUL GENERAL CODO
14 HAS JURISDICTION OVER 14 STATES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING
15 HIM AS HE ESTABLISHES ANGOLA CONSULAR MISSION HERE IN LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY AND BEGINS TO STRENGTHEN, BEGINS HIS WORK TO
17 STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF OUR REGION AND
18 ANGOLA. WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.]

19
20 **CONSUL GENERAL CODO:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. YOUR EXCELLENCY,
21 DON KNABE, IF I CAN PRONOUNCE THE NAME, CHAIR OF THE COUNTY OF
22 LOS ANGELES. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I
23 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR RECEIVING ME THIS MORNING AT LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE
25 WITH YOU BECAUSE MY PRESENCE WITNESSES THE VIEW OF MY

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1 GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN ITS COOPERATION WITH THE
2 U.S. AND THE DIPLOMATIC RELATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF
3 ANGOLA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. LEGITIMATE ON MAY 19,
4 1993 WITH THE RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AS A
5 SOVEREIGN COUNTRY IN ITS OWN RIGHT BY FORMER PRESIDENT BILL
6 CLINTON'S ADMINISTRATION. WE NOTE THAT THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO
7 THE U.S. OF HIS EXCELLENCE PRESIDENT OF ANGOLA JOSE EDUARDO
8 DOS SANTOS IN 2002 AND 2004 WHERE HE HAD MEETINGS WITH HIS
9 FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS AND PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH IN
10 WASHINGTON, D.C. REINFORCED THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN
11 OUR TWO NATIONS AND OUR TWO PEOPLE. LAST YEAR ANGOLA AND THE
12 UNITED STATES CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC
13 RELATIONS. IN THIS VEIN, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE
14 DECISION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA TO OPEN A NEW CONSULATE
15 GENERAL IN L.A. FALLS IN ITS WILLINGNESS, SUPPORT AND MONITOR
16 A LARGE DIASPORA REPRESENTATION ON THE WEST COAST AS WELL AS
17 THE CREATION OF THE MECHANISM FOR ITS BETTER INTEGRATION IN
18 OUR NATIONAL LIFE. IN ADDITION TO L.A., ANGOLA HAS OTHER
19 CONSULATES GENERAL BASED IN NEW YORK AND HOUSTON, TEXAS.
20 WHEREVER WE THINK THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR STRATEGY PARTNERSHIP
21 DEVELOP WITH THE U.S. SIGNED IN 2010, WE INTEND TO DEVELOP AN
22 EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY, COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC AND
23 PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN AREAS SUCH AS AGRICULTURE,
24 AGRIBUSINESS, TOURISM, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND
25 CULTURE. FOR GIVING GREATER VISIBILITY AND BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF

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1 ANGOLA AND ITS POTENTIAL. THEREFORE ON THE BASIS OF OUR NATION
2 DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013-2017, WE ARE WILLING TO CREATE
3 PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES ESPECIALLY IN L.A. IN
4 ORDER TO INVEST IN OUR COUNTRY REGARDING TO THE AREA ABOVE
5 REFERENCED. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR
6 INVITING ME IN THIS AUDIENCE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR FUTURE
7 COOPERATION. GOD BLESS ANGOLA. GOD BLESS AMERICA. THANK YOU.
8 [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EACH YEAR THE COUNTY BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS SELECTS THE OUTSTANDING ARTWORK FROM BOOKMARK
12 ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY CHILDREN THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
13 THESE CHILDREN AND TEENS ARE THEN INVITED TO A RECEPTION HERE
14 AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION WHERE THEY ARE RECOGNIZED DURING
15 A MEETING OF OUR BOARD. IN THE FALL OF 2013, THE COUNTY OF LOS
16 ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY AND GUANGZHOU LIBRARY AND THE PEOPLE'S
17 REPUBLIC OF CHINA COLLABORATED ON A BOOKMARK CONTEST. IT'S
18 BEEN A LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR THE LAST 34 YEARS. THIS IS THE
19 FIRST TIME AND FIRST YEAR THERE HAS BEEN INTERNATIONAL
20 COOPERATION. THE RESPONSE FROM GUANGZHOU YOUTH AND 80,000
21 STUDENTS WERE SELECT FROM THE THOUSANDS OF ENTRIES. THIS
22 BOOKMARK ART EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS PART OF A FIVE-YEAR
23 PARTNERSHIP IN THE GUANGZHOU LIBRARY WHERE STAFF FROM OUR TWO
24 COUNTRIES ENGAGED IN A STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO SHARE
25 KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LIBRARY PRACTICES. FOLLOWING THE EVENT OF THE

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1 BOOKMARK ARTWORK FROM THESE CHILDREN WILL BE DISPLAYED AT
2 SEVERAL OF OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF APRIL
3 TO HELP CELEBRATE AND HONOR THIS OCCASION ON BEHALF OF MY
4 COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE HAVE A SCROLL FOR LIU JIAN,
5 CONSUL GENERAL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
6 UNFORTUNATELY THE CONSUL GENERAL COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY BUT WE
7 ARE HAPPY AND HONORED TO HAVE _____ HIS DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL
8 TO ACCEPT THE SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE CONSUL GENERAL. SO ON
9 BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS WE'D LIKE TO
10 PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF OUR PARTNERSHIP AND
11 OUR COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR LIBRARY SYSTEMS. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON
14 BEHALF OF CONSUL GENERAL LIU JIAN AND THE CHINESE CONSULATE
15 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, I THANK L.A. COUNTY FOR HOSTING THIS VERY
16 IMPORTANT EVENT. AS YOU ALL KNOW, BOOKMARKS LOOK SMALL BUT
17 THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT SYMBOLS OF CULTURES. SO I BELIEVE THAT
18 THIS KIND OF CONTEST WILL ACTUALLY PROMOTE MORE UNDERSTANDING
19 AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE. THANK
20 YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING THE WINNERS
23 OF THE 34TH ANNUAL BOOKMARK CONTEST CONDUCTED BY OUR COUNTY
24 LIBRARY. SINCE 1980 THE COUNTY LIBRARY WITH THE SUPPORT OF
25 PENTELE ARTS HAS CONDUCTED THIS ARTIST TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN'S

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1 ARTISTIC EXPRESSION AND ALLOW THEM TO SHARE THEIR JOY OF BOOKS
2 AND THE WRITTEN WORD. THIS YEAR, AND I TOLD THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
3 TO REALLY BE PROUD OF WHAT THEY WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH AS OUR
4 WINNERS. THIS YEAR WE HAD OVER 7,000 ENTRIES FROM ACROSS THE
5 COUNTY IN THIS COMPETITION. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ALSO CONDUCTED
6 THE INTERNATIONAL BOOKMARK ART EXCHANGE PROGRAM THAT I
7 MENTIONED EARLIER IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WHERE
8 ALMOST 4,000 DESIGNS WERE ALSO RECEIVED. SO ALL THE CHILDREN
9 CREATED ORIGINAL BOOKMARK DESIGNS WHICH DESCRIBED THEIR LOVE
10 OF BOOKS, READING AND THE LIBRARY. THIS YEAR'S THEM WAS "READ,
11 SEEK, EXPLORE" SO TODAY WE HAVE WITH US THE WINNERS FROM
12 ACROSS THE COUNTY WHOSE BOOKMARK ENTRIES WERE SELECTED BECAUSE
13 OF THEIR ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY. IN ADDITION TO THE
14 SPECIAL GIFTS THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE FROM THE LIBRARY, THEIR
15 BOOKMARKS WILL BE PRINTED BY PENTEL ARTS. SO IT'S OUR PLEASURE
16 TO BE ABLE TO HONOR MANY OF THESE GIFTED AND TALENTED YOUNG
17 PEOPLE TODAY. SO I WANT TO START BY HONORING THOSE IN THE
18 FOURTH DISTRICT. AND OUR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE
19 WINNER IS JASON DONG WHO IS A SECOND GRADER AT QUAIL SUMMIT,
20 ENTERED THE BOOKMARK CONTEST AT OUR ROWLAND HEIGHTS PUBLIC
21 LIBRARY. JASON PLAYS BOTH THE PIANO AND VIOLIN. I THINK THE
22 VIOLIN MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIGGER THAN YOU ARE? NO? ALL RIGHT.
23 HIS FAVORITE SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL ARE MATH AND READING. AND HE
24 DREAMS OF BEING A MARINE BIOLOGIST WHEN HE GROWS UP. HE HAS
25 HIS PARENTS HERE TODAY, JANET AND PETER AND HIS BROTHER JESSE.

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1 JESSE WAS A 2011 BOOKMARK WINNER, AS WELL. SO CONGRATULATIONS,
2 JASON. [APPLAUSE.] OUR THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADE WINNER IS
3 NICKY LEWIS. NICKY IS A FOURTH GRADER AT UBARA, ACADEMY OF THE
4 ARTS TECHNOLOGY ALSO ENTERED THROUGH THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS
5 LIBRARY. NICKY IS AN AWARD-WINNING ARTIST AND PIANO PLAYER. HE
6 READS THE ENCYCLOPEDIA FOR FUN AND HE DREAMS TO BECOME A
7 CONTESTANT ON JEOPARDY. I'M JUST KIDDING. AND HE DREAMS OF
8 OWNING HIS OWN TRAIN COMPANY WHEN HE GROWS UP. SOME OF MY
9 COLLEAGUES MIGHT NEED SOME HELP OVER AT METRO. HOW'S THAT?
10 WITH HIM TODAY IS HIS PARENTS KEVIN AND LU. SO
11 CONGRATULATIONS, NICKY. [APPLAUSE.] OUR SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH
12 GRADE WINNER WAS UNABLE TO JOIN US TODAY BUT IT'S CHERISE ING.
13 A SIXTH GRADER AT NEWTON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ENTERED AT THE
14 BOOKMARK CONTEST AT HACIENDA HEIGHTS LIBRARY. WE WANT TO
15 CONGRATULATE CHERISE OUR FINAL AWARDEE FROM THE FOURTH
16 DISTRICT IS NINTH THROUGH 12TH GRADE AND THAT'S ROBIN JONES
17 WHO IS A NINTH GRADER. ALL RIGHT. YOU BROUGHT LOTS OF FANS,
18 HUH? NINTH GRADER AT LA MIRADA SCHOOL AND ENTERED THE BOOKMARK
19 AT LA MIRADA PUBLIC LIBRARY. SHE LOVES ART AND DREAMS OF
20 MOVING TO JAPAN, BECOMING A FAMOUS ANIME ARTIST. DID I SAY
21 THAT RIGHT? ANIME ARTIST AFTER GOING TO COLLEGE. WITH HER
22 TODAY ARE HER PARENTS AND THERESA AND ROBERT AND HER SISTER
23 KIANA. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] SO CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
24 THE WINNERS. NOW FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?
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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I HAD A WHOLE LOT OF
2 FOLKS WANTING TO TAKE THAT PICTURE. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, LET US
3 BEGIN BY THANKING THE PARENTS AND THE GRANDPARENTS. THEY ARE
4 THE ONES THAT BEGIN THE TRAINING OF TAKING THEIR CHILDREN TO
5 OUR LIBRARIES. OUR LIBRARIES ARE SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR
6 COMMUNITY AND THE WELL-BEING OF OUR FAMILIES. AND THIS
7 PARTICULAR CONTEST IS AMAZING BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY
8 COMPETITORS. AND WHEN WE HAVE THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO
9 SELECT THE BEST WITHIN OUR DISTRICT AND IT'S VERY, VERY TOUGH.
10 AND IT'S ALWAYS AMAZING HOW EFFECTIVE THE CHILDREN ARE IN
11 TAKING THE THEME AND CREATING A VERY CREATIVE AND BEAUTIFUL
12 BOOKMARK THAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO THOSE
13 CHILDREN. SO FIRST OF ALL, LET ME CONGRATULATE ALL THE PARENTS
14 AND THE GRANDPARENTS AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN FROM ALL OF THE
15 DISTRICTS THAT HAVE DONE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND LET ME
16 SHARE WITH YOU THE WONDERFUL WINNERS FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT.
17 I AGAIN APPLAUD OUR LIBRARIAN, MARGARET, IS AROUND. SHE IS
18 RIGHT BEHIND ME. WHO HAS BEEN A LEADER AND HER STAFF IN
19 PUTTING THESE TOGETHER. AND IT'S SO NICE TO SEE THERE'S SO
20 MUCH PARTICIPATION. GREAT JOB, MARGARET. GOOD JOB. ANYWAY. SO
21 LET ME FIRST BEGIN WITH OUR SECOND GRADE WINNER. AND HIS NAME
22 IS HUNTER LYNN. HUNTER, DO YOU WANT TO COME UP AND JOIN ME?
23 YOU'RE VERY TALENTED. AND HE'S GOT A SMILE SO THEY CAN TAKE A
24 BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF YOU. ANYWAY, HUNTER IS THE SECOND GRADER
25 AT -- IS IT CLEMENSON ELEMENTARY? YES. AND HE UTILIZES NORWOOD

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1 PUBLIC LIBRARY IN EL MONTE. HIS FAVORITE HOBBIES ARE READING,
2 SWIMMING, SOCCER AND ART. HE ENJOYS PARTICIPATING IN CUB
3 SCOUTS ACTIVITIES AND HE HOPES ONE DAY TO BECOME AN ENGINEER.
4 WHAT A GREAT JOB. AND IT'S INTERESTING, HIS BOOKMARK IS, HE
5 PUT THIS BIG TALL BUILDING OF DIFFERENT BOOKS ALL TOGETHER,
6 SORT OF SHOWS HIS ENGINEERING SKILLS ALREADY. AND OF COURSE
7 THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS "READ, SEEK AND EXPLORE" [SPEAKING
8 SPANISH]. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL BOOKMARK, CONGRATULATIONS. I WANT
9 TO PRESENT TO YOU A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU,
10 HUNTER, FOR A GREAT JOB AND MAKING A WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTION.
11 CONGRATULATIONS, HUNTER. [APPLAUSE.] LITTLE SMILE. THOSE
12 ENGINEERS ARE TOUGH, AREN'T THEY? CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD JOB.
13 AND I'M GOING TO KEEP YOUR BOOKMARK SINCE IT WAS SO PRETTY.
14 NEXT WE HAVE LIZBETH. LIZ BETH RAMIREZ, COME ON UP, LIZBETH.
15 LIZBETH IS A FIFTH GRADER AT HUNTINGTON PARK CHARTER SCHOOL
16 WHO READS AND STUDIES THE HUNTINGTON PARK LIBRARY. SHE ENJOYS
17 FOLKLORICO DANCING THAT'S GREAT, SHE'S GOING TO BE A BEAUTIFUL
18 DANCER. HER FAVORITE SUBJECT IS MATH. MONTHS OF US WOMEN ARE
19 NOT SO HOT AT MATH. I'M GLAD YOU ENJOY IT AND OF COURSE SHE
20 DREAMS OF BEING A PEDIATRICIAN. THAT'S THE WAY IT ALL BEGAN IS
21 WITH A DREAM. CONGRATULATIONS. I HOPE YOU DO ACHIEVE YOUR
22 GOAL. I SOMEHOW THINK YOU WILL. HER BOOKMARK WAS ALSO VERY
23 CREATIVE AND IT REALLY SPOKE TO THE THEME THAT WE HAVE THIS
24 YEAR. AND OF COURSE SHE WRITES DOWN IT'S ENCHANTING TO READ.
25 AND SHE PUTS TOGETHER ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL LITTLE SYMBOLS THAT

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1 TALK ABOUT HER ENJOYMENT OF READING. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO
2 YOU, LIZBETH. GREAT JOB. [APPLAUSE.] CAN I KEEP YOUR BOOKMARK?
3 HASHIM-- SAY IT TO ME AGAIN. VERY GOOD. I'LL HAVE TO PRACTICE
4 THAT SOME MORE. BUT LET ME TELL YOU WHERE HASHEEM IS FROM.
5 SHE'S A 7TH GRADER FROM SUZANNE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ENJOYS
6 VISITING THE WALNUT PUBLIC LIBRARY. SHE LOVES TO DRAW, READ,
7 PLAY BASKETBALL, PLAY THE PIANO AND VIOLA AND SHE DREAMS OF
8 BECOMING AN ARCHITECT. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. HER BOOKMARK,
9 IF YOU LOOK AT IT AND IT IS SIDEWAYS, THE ART ON IT IS
10 ABSOLUTELY STUNNING. AND SHE TAKES THE THEME AND MARKS IT
11 THROUGH IN EVERY LITTLE BIT OF IT. IT'S LIKE A COLLAGE OF
12 DIFFERENT PARTS OF READING, SEEKING AND EXPLORING.
13 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. WONDERFUL JOB. CONGRATULATIONS. HOW
14 ABOUT A BIG SMILE? [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. AND FINALLY
15 OUR LAST WINNER IS ALEJANDRA MARTINEZ. DO YOU WANT TO COME
16 JOIN US, ALEJANDRA? CONGRATULATIONS. AND SHE'S TALL. AND I'M
17 WEARING HEELS, TOO. SHE IS A NINTH GRADER AT BELL HIGH SCHOOL
18 WHO USES THE BELL PUBLIC LIBRARY. SHE ENJOYS DRAWING, READING,
19 COMPETING IN TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS AND SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO
20 PURSUING A CAREER AS A HEART SURGEON OR FORENSIC SCIENTIST.
21 WOW, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DREAM. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.
22 ALEJANDRA'S BOOKMARK WAS VERY INTERESTING BECAUSE SHE TOOK IT
23 AND SHE -- IT SHOWS A BOOK OPENING UP. AND ALL THESE FIGURING
24 ALL AROUND. I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST SO INTERESTING BECAUSE
25 THAT'S WHAT IT IS. READING JUST MAKES IT ALL REAL, RIGHT? IT

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1 COMES TO YOU. YOU CAN HAVE ALL KINDS OF ADVENTURES AND FEEL
2 DIFFERENT KINDS OF THINGS. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH FOR YOUR BOOKMARK. [APPLAUSE.] AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO
4 ALL. THEY ALL DID AN EXCITING JOB. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN.
9 AND WE CONGRATULATE ALL THE CONTESTANTS AND WINNERS TODAY.
10 WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THOSE WHO HAVE EXCELLED IN THE
11 SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. SO WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME IN
12 GIVING A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THESE TWO YOUNG PEOPLE. AND
13 I WANT TO BEGIN WITH BRIOSHINA CROCKET WHO CREATED HER
14 BOOKMARK AT THE WOODCREST PUBLIC LIBRARY. SHE IS A SECOND
15 GRADE STUDENT AT WOODCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHERE HER
16 FAVORITE SUBJECT IS ART. HER FAVORITE BOOK IS CHRYSANTHEMUM BY
17 KEN HICKS, IS THAT CORRECT? HER FAVORITE BOOK, IS THAT RIGHT?
18 AND WHEN SHE'S NOT READING, SHE DREAMS OF BECOMING A POLICE
19 OFFICER, THAT IS WHEN SHE GROWS UP. WE'RE PLEASED THAT SHE IS
20 HERE TODAY AND SHE'S JOINED BY HER PARENTS, CALVIN AND
21 STEPHANIE, HER SISTERS, MICHELLE AND BRIANNE AND HER COUSIN
22 JALIN. GIVE THIS YOUNG LADY A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND
23 WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE'D ALSO
24 LIKE TO INTRODUCE DEVANNA FLETCHER, WHO CREATED HER BOOKMARK
25 AT THE A.C. BILL BREW LIBRARY. AND MISS FLETCHER CURRENTLY

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1 ATTENDS, IS A 7TH GRADER AT THE INNER CITY EDUCATION
2 FOUNDATION SCHOOL. AND SHE IS JOINED BY HER MOTHER DAFINI. AND
3 WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THESE FAMILIES HERE. SO LET'S GIVE
4 THEM BOTH A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND SAY THANK YOU TO
5 THEM FOR THEIR SUCCESS. THEY ARE WINNERS. THEY ARE FIRST PLACE
6 WINNERS. AND WE ARE DELIGHTED ABOUT IT. SO I'LL TAKE THE --
7 [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. MR.
10 CHAIRMAN, PROXIMATE WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE THIRD
11 DISTRICT WINNERS. I DON'T HAVE THEIR BOOKMARKS. SOMEBODY LEFT
12 THEM UPSTAIRS. BUT I AM FAMILIAR WITH THEM AND THEY ARE
13 OUTSTANDING. HERE WE ARE. JUST CAME DOWN. FIRST YOUNG PERSON
14 THAT I'M GOING TO HONOR IS THE WINNER OF THE KINDERGARTEN
15 THROUGH SECOND GRADE AWARD WHICH IS TO ERICA LOPEZ. SHE
16 ATTENDS FENTON PRIMARY CENTER, SHE IS A FIRST GRADER. ENTERED
17 AT THE SAN FERNANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY. ERICA'S GUESTS ARE HER
18 FAMILY, HER MOTHER CLAUDIA AND FRIENDS CARLOS MORENO AND
19 GLADYS MOLINA. ERICA'S FAVORITE HOBBIES ARE HAND CRAFTS AND
20 GOING TO THE PARK TO RIDE HER BIKE. ERICA ALSO, I'M SURE YOU
21 WEAR YOUR HELMET WHEN YOU RIDE YOUR BIKE, RIGHT? GOOD. ERICA
22 ALSO ENJOYS BEING A PART OF HER SCHOOL CHORUS AND BALLET. SHE
23 TAKES BALLET CLASSES. HER FAVORITE SUBJECT IS SCIENCE AND
24 SOCIAL SCIENCE. SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE AN ARTIST WHEN SHE GROWS
25 UP, AND SHE'S ON HER WAY. HER LATEST FAVORITE BOOK IS LILLY'S

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1 PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE BY KEVIN HENKES. LILLY LOVES EVERYTHING
2 ABOUT SCHOOL ESPECIALLY HER TEACHER. BUT WHEN HE ASKED HER TO
3 WAIT A WHILE BEFORE SHOWING HER NEW PURSE SHE DOES SOMETHING
4 FOR WHICH SHE IS VERY SORRY LATER. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS.
5 BUT ANYWAY, ERICA? CONGRATULATIONS. YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL
6 BOOKMARK. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS LISA ROGER. ALL RIGHT. LISA IS
7 THE WINNER OF THE THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADE CONTEST. SHE
8 ATTENDS SUE MACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE'S A FIFTH GRADER. SHE
9 ENTERED THE BOOKMARK CONTEST AT AGOURA HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY.
10 SHE'S HERE WITH HER GUESTS WHICH INCLUDE HER FAMILY, HER
11 PARENTS PERE AND EMMA ROGER AND BROTHER JACOB ROGER. LISA'S
12 FAVORITE HOBBIES ARE READING. ENJOYS PLAYING THE PIANO AND
13 TENNIS. LISA IS FROM SWEDEN. THAT EXPLAINS THE SPELLING OF
14 YOUR LAST NAME. SHE'S FROM SWEDEN AND LOVES TO TRAVEL. LISA'S
15 FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT IS LANGUAGE ARTS. HER AMBITION IS TO
16 BE AN ARCHITECT. LISA'S ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOKS ARE THE HARRY
17 POTTER BOOKS. YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THE NEW HARRY POTTER
18 ATTRACTION THAT'S GOING TO BE AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS IN A COUPLE
19 YEARS. AND LISA'S CURRENTLY READING WINGS OF FIRE BY TUI
20 SUTHERLAND. CLAY AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE GROWN UP UNDER A
21 MOUNTAIN SECRETLY RAISED BY THE TALLONS OF PEACE TO FULFILL A
22 PROPHECY. THE FIVE YOUNG DRAGONS ARE DESTINED TO END THE WAR
23 THAT'S BEEN RAGING BETWEEN THE TRIBES OF PAREA. BUT HOW
24 THEY'LL DO THIS NONE OF THEM KNOWS. THAT'S A LITTLE SNIPPET
25 FROM THE BOOK. LISA, CONGRATULATIONS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

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1 AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE DESIGNS OF YOUR NEW BUILDINGS
2 AS AN ARCHITECT. ALL RIGHT. NEXT IS SUZANNE -- GIVE HER A
3 HAND, YEAH. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS SUZANNE DIAZ. SUZANNE IS THE
4 WINNER OF THE SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE COMPETITION. SHE
5 ATTENDS MY ALMA MATER BANCROFT MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE'S AN EIGHTH
6 GRADER. ENTERED THE BOOKMARK CONTEST AT WEST HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC
7 LIBRARY. HER GUESTS INCLUDE HER FATHER, DENIS DIAZ AND GUESTS
8 MARIA FERNANDEZ AND MARY BELL SARATO. SUZANNE'S FAVORITE HOBBY
9 IS DRAWING. SHE LIKES AND IS THE BASS GUITARIST AT BANCROFT
10 MIDDLE SCHOOL. IN AN AN ORCHESTRA THERE?

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12 **SPEAKER:** ROCK BAND.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ROCK BAND. I PLAYED OBOE IN THE BEGINNING
15 WOODWINDS CLASS. AND THEY'VE NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE.
16 SUZANNE'S FAVORITE SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL ARE SCIENCE CLASSES. SHE
17 DREAMS ONE DAY OF BECOMING A PHYSICIST, PH.D. IN PHYSICS. GOD
18 HELP YOU. IT'S A GREAT AMBITION. SHE IS CURRENTLY READING IT'S
19 KIND OF A FUNNY STORY BY NED VIZZINI. SUZANNE'S LATEST
20 FAVORITE BOOK IS THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER BY STEVEN
21 CHBOSKY. AND WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR WINNING BOOKMARK. AND
22 GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] LAST
23 BUT NOT LEAST THE WINNER OF THE 9TH AND 12TH GRADE WHO ATTENDS
24 MY HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER, FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL AND THAT'S
25 BLANCA MALDONADO. BLANCA IS A 12TH GRADER AT FAIRFAX. SHE

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1 ENTERED THE CONTEST ALSO AT THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY.
2 BLANCA'S HERE WITH HER FAMILY, HER FATHER OMAR MALDONADO AND
3 HER MOTHER GIOVANI ZERATE HER SISTER CARLA MALDONADO. BLANCA'S
4 FAVORITE HOBBY IS DRAWING AND WORKING OUT. SHE ALSO LIKES TO
5 PLAY BASKETBALL. HER FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL IS ENGLISH
6 SINCE SHE GETS TO READ BOOKS. HER AMBITION IS TO BECOME AN
7 ANIMATER. SHE'S CURRENTLY READING ALMOST LOST, THE TRUE STORY
8 OF THE AN ANONYMOUS TEENAGER'S LIFE ON THE STREET. I'LL WEAR
9 MY GLASSES. THE TRUE STORY OF AN ANONYMOUS TEENAGER'S LIFE ON
10 THE STREETS BY BEATRICE PARKS. HER FAVORITE BOOK IS UGLIES BY
11 SCOTT WESTERFIELD. WE CONGRATULATE YOU, BLANCA, ON WINNING THE
12 SENIOR BOOKMARK AWARD. AND WE PRESENT YOU WITH THIS
13 PROCLAMATION. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] LET'S GIVE ALL THE
14 THIRD DISTRICT WINNERS A HAND. [APPLAUSE.] THEY DID A GREAT
15 JOB.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAD A LOT OF OUTSTANDING BOOKMARKS THAT
20 OUR STUDENTS FROM THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT HAD PUT
21 INTO COMPETITION, AND IT WAS A REAL CHALLENGE TO FIND IF BEST
22 OF ALL THE GREAT ONES THAT WERE PRESENTED. SO FIRST WE WANT TO
23 RECOGNIZE MADISON LEE, WHO WAS THE SECOND GRADER AT EMPEROR
24 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND HE'S THE WINNER OF THE KINDERGARTEN
25 THROUGH SECOND GRADE. AND HE IS A FIRST GRADE STUDENT AT

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1 EMPEROR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND GUESTS WITH HIM ARE NOMEN
2 SCORPIO AND HIS MOTHER AND HIS SISTER ALLISON LEE. HIS
3 FAVORITE HOBBIES ARE DRAWING AND SOCCER. HE'S INVOLVED IN
4 SWIMMING, PIANO AND LEARNING CHINESE. HIS FAVORITE CLASS AT
5 THE SCHOOL IS ART. HIS DREAMS OF BECOMING AN ART TEACHER WHEN
6 HE GROWS UP. HE'S CURRENTLY READING THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS BY
7 JOANNE COLE AND HER FAVORITE STORY IS" FROZEN.SO WE WANT TO
8 GIVE THIS TO MADISON AND CONGRATULATE YOU. GONJI. GONJI.
9 [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS IMMANUEL DOMINGUEZ A THIRD GRADER. HE IS A
10 RECIPIENT OF THE THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADE WINNER. HE IS A
11 THIRD GRADE STUDENT AT DUARTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE ENTERED
12 HIS CONTEST AT THE DUARTE PUBLIC LIBRARY. WITH HIM TODAY IS
13 HIS MOTHER AND HIS TEACHER, CHRISTINA FROSTO, AND THE SCHOOL
14 PRINCIPAL, RICK CROSBY, AND HIS FRIEND PAM MOLEY. IMMANUAL'S
15 FAVORITE HOBBY IS PLAYING WITH LEGOS AND DRAWING. ART GROUP.
16 HIS FAVORITE SUBJECTS ARE MATH AND READING. "HE'S IN MY THIRD
17 GRADE CLASS AND A GREAT STUDENT AND AVID READER." HE DREAMS OF
18 BECOMING AN ARCHITECT AND FLOATING STREETS FOR THE FUTURE.
19 HE'S CURRENTLY READING RUN FOR THE HILLS GERONIMO. AND HIS
20 FAVORITE BOOKS ARE DIARY OF A WIMPY KID, CHARLIE AND THE
21 CHOCOLATE FACTORY, AND GOOSE BUMPS. [APPLAUSE.] OUR NEXT
22 RECIPIENT IS ELIZABETH BOYD. SHE'S THE WINNER OF THE
23 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE. SHE ATTENDS ST. MARKS
24 SCHOOL. AND SHE ENTERED HER BOOKMARK CONTEST AT THE SAN
25 GABRIEL PUBLIC LIBRARY. HER GUESTS ARE HER PARENTS, BRIAN AND

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1 JENNY AND BONNIE BOYD AND BOB BOYD. ELIZABETH'S FAVORITE
2 HOBBIES ARE LISTENING TO MUSIC, PLAYING VIDEO GAMES AND
3 READING BOOKS. SHE'S ALSO INVOLVED IN THE GIRL SCOUTS, TAKING
4 PIANO LESSONS AND HIP HOP CLASSES. HER FAVORITE CLASSES ARE IN
5 THE SCHOOL ART AND COMPUTER CLASS. SHE DREAMS OF BECOMING A
6 FASHION DESIGNER WHEN SHE GROWS UP, AND SHE'S CURRENTLY
7 READING RAINBOW MAGIC, BY DAISY MEADOWS AND HER FAVORITE
8 STORIES, HER BOOKS ARE BABY ANIMAL BOOKS AND STORIES.
9 [APPLAUSE.] OUR NEXT RECIPIENT IS AMY LAU, SHE'S THE WINNER OF
10 THE THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADE. ATTENDS LONGDON ELEMENTARY
11 SCHOOL. SHE'S A FIFTH GRADE STUDENT. HER LIBRARY WHERE SHE
12 ENTERED THE CONTESTS IS THE TEMPLE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY. WITH
13 HER THIS MORNING ARE HER PARENTS, AM LAU AND CONNI CHI, AND
14 HER GRANDMOTHER LISA CHI AND HER TEACHER. HER FAVORITE HOBBY
15 IS ICE SKATING. ARE YOU GOING TO PASADENA ICE SKATING? YEAH,
16 OKAY, THAT'S A NICE ONE. SHE'S INVOLVED WITH SCHOOL
17 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE CHORUS, DRILL TEAM, ORCHESTRA,
18 CHARACTER CLUB. HER CHURCH ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PARTICIPATING IN
19 THE FIFTH GRADE WORSHIP TEAM. HER FAVORITE CLASSES IN SCHOOL
20 ARE ART, MATH AND SCIENCE. SHE WANTS TO BECOME AN ANIMAL
21 RESCUE WORKER WHEN SHE GROWS UP. CURRENTLY READING LOST HERO
22 BY RICK RIORDAN. HER FAVORITE BOOK IS THE ULTIMATE DOG BOOK BY
23 DAVID TAYLOR. SO WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
24 OUR NEXT RECIPIENT WOULD BE JOSEPH WONG, WINNER OF THE SIXTH
25 THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, ATTENDS LONE HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND

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1 ENTERED AT THE SAN DIMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY. JOSHUA IS NOT HERE.
2 BUT WE WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT JOSHUA IS A RECIPIENT. OUR
3 NEXT ONE IS FROM LA CRESCENTA. THAT'S ARIANA AND ATTENDS
4 ROSEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL. 7TH GRADE. SHE ENTERED THE CONTEST AT
5 OUR FAMOUS LA CRESCENTA PUBLIC LIBRARY. WITH HER ARE HER
6 PARENTS WHO ARE HERE AND ARIANA'S FAVORITE HOBBIES ARE
7 READING, DRAWING, DANCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS. SHE IS INVOLVED WITH
8 HER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, BEING A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA JUNIOR
9 SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION HONOR SOCIETY, MEMBER OF ABCD CLUB,
10 WINNER OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE'S "I LOVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD"
11 POSTER CONTEST AND HELPED SHARE THE MESSAGE ABOUT RECYCLING
12 AND PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT, LIVING IN A CLEAN AND
13 BEAUTIFUL GLENDALE. HER FAVORITE CLASS, LANGUAGE ARTS. SHE
14 HASN'T DECIDED WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE WHEN SHE GRADUATES
15 BUT IS LEANING TOWARDS BEING AN ATTORNEY. SHE'S CURRENTLY
16 READING CATCHING FIRE: HUNGER GAMES BY SUZANNE COLLINS AND HER
17 FAVORITE BOOK IS THE DIVERGENT SERIES BY VERONICA ROTH. THREE-
18 BOOK SERIES ABOUT THE FUTURE WORLD. JUST WANT TO THANK ...
19 (OFF MIC). [APPLAUSE.] OUR NEXT RECIPIENT IS SUMMER LOPEZ
20 COLORADO. SHE'S THE RECIPIENT OF THE 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
21 CATEGORY. AND SHE ATTENDS DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE 12TH
22 GRADE. AND HER CONTEST THAT SHE ENTERED WAS AT THE DUARTE
23 PUBLIC LIBRARY. WITH HER IS HER MOTHER, LISA LOPEZ COLORADO.
24 HER FAVORITE HOBBY IS PAINTING. INTERACT CLUB, ASIAN CLUB AND
25 KEY CLUB. SHE VOLUNTEERS AT THE LOCAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 LIBRARY DURING THE SUMMER AS A VOLUNTEER. HER FAVORITE CLASS
2 IS U.S. HISTORY AND DREAMS OF BECOMING GUIDANCE COUNSELOR. AND
3 SHE'S CURRENTLY READING THE TIA PIGLET BY BENJAMIN HOFF. HER
4 FAVORITE BOOK IS ODD THOMAS BY DEAN KOONTZ. [APPLAUSE.] AND
5 OUR FINAL RECIPIENT IS SARAH RIGART, SHE'S A NINTH GRADER. SHE
6 ATTENDS -- SHE ENTERED THE -- IN LANCASTER. AND SHE ENTERED AT
7 THE QUARTZ HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY. WITH HER IS HER MOM, HEIDI.
8 HER FAVORITE SUBJECTS ARE SEWING, COOKING AND PLAYING BASS.
9 PLAYING BASS? OKAY. PLAYS BASS. I THOUGHT EFFICIENT. LAKE
10 PYRAMID BUT THEY ONLY HAVE BASS. SARAH ALL AN SO ENJOYS
11 READING, WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ACTING AND PRAISE DANCING.
12 SHE'S INVOLVED IN ROBOTICS TEAM, BOOK CLUB AND THE AWANA BIBLE
13 VERSE MEMORIZATION AND STUDY PROGRAM. ALSO A NURSERY WORKER
14 AND YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM MEMBER AT HER CHURCH AND A SENIOR
15 CONTRIBUTOR FOR CREATIVE KIDS MAGAZINE. SHE HOME SCHOOLS AND
16 ENJOYS FICTION WRITING AND HOME ECONOMICS. SHE DREAMS OF
17 BECOMING A WIFE, THE MOTHER OF 10 CHILDREN, OH MY GOODNESS,
18 EAT A LOT OF VITAMINS. [LAUGHTER.] EAT A LOT OF VEGETABLES.
19 BUSINESS OWNER AND A WRITER. VERY GOOD. YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT
20 CAREER. I LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR BOOKS. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOING TO ASK THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER
23 AFFAIRS, BRIAN STEGER TO JOIN US. ALONG WITH THE D.C.A. STAFF:
24 DANISHA SMITH, KEVIN CHAVEZ, ALEX ZAPATA, ALINA PATACIAN,
25 JESSE GALLEGOS, AND ARIEL GUZMAN. TODAY WE ARE RECOGNIZING

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1 THIS AS NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK. THE BOARD HAS
2 PROCLAIMED MARCH 2ND THROUGH THE 8TH AS CONSUMER PROTECTION
3 WEEK THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS OUR EFFORT, AS
4 PART OF A COORDINATED NATIONAL CAMPAIGN THAT ENCOURAGES
5 CONSUMERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THEIR
6 CONSUMER RIGHTS AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS IN THE
7 MARKETPLACE. EDUCATED CONSUMERS KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR
8 INFORMATION AND HOW TO FILE CONSUMER COMPLAINTS. AND IN LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY, THIS RESOURCE IS OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
10 AFFAIRS. THIS BOARD SUPPORTS NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK
11 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT EDUCATED CONSUMERS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE
12 VICTIMIZED BY FRAUDULENT SCAMS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, MY
13 COLLEAGUES AND THE RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY, WE WANT TO JOIN
14 BRIAN IN PROCLAIMING CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK, MARCH 2ND
15 THROUGH THE 8TH.

16

17 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING MARCH 23RD THROUGH MARCH 8TH AS
19 NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
20 I AM PROUD AND HONORED TO STAND HERE WITH MY COLLEAGUES AT THE
21 DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE THIS IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION. CONSUMER
22 AFFAIRS IS HERE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE BUSINESSES AND TO
23 THE CONSUMERS OF L.A. COUNTY TO HELP RESOLVE CONSUMER-RELATED
24 COMPLAINTS. NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK IS ALL ABOUT
25 CONSUMER EDUCATION. AND CONSUMER EDUCATION IS VERY IMPORTANT

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1 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. WE HAVE SEVERAL EVENTS
2 PLANNED NEXT WEEK. WE HOPE THAT YOU VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
3 WWW.DCA.LACOUNTY.GOV TO FIND OUT WHERE THESE EVENTS ARE AND I
4 HOPE THAT YOU WILL COME OUT AND JOIN US. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO HONOR GINA ELISE, FOUNDER OF
8 THE PIN-UPS FOR VETS. THIS IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
9 DEDICATED TO RAISING FUNDS FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM
10 EXPANSIONS AT OUR VETERANS HOSPITALS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.
11 THEY RAISE MONEY THROUGH THE SALE OF THEIR ANNUAL PINUP
12 CALENDARS WHICH IS REMINISCENT OF THE '40S AND '50S. SINCE
13 2007 THEY RAISED OVER 50,000 DOLLARS VISITING OVER 42 VETERAN
14 HOSPITALS AND 21 MILITARY BASES IN THE UNITED STATES. THEIR
15 GOAL IS TO VISIT ALL 50 VETERAN HOSPITALS IN THE UNITED
16 STATES. IN 2009, SHE EARNED -- THE GROUP EARNED THE VOLUNTEER
17 OF THE YEAR AWARD BY THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL. AND IN
18 2010, GINA WAS A FEATURED GUEST ON THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW
19 WHERE SHE WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HER VOLUNTEER WORK. SO
20 CONGRATULATIONS. AND WE ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU THIS SCROLL.

21

22 **GINA ELISE:** HI, EVERYBODY, MY NAME IS GINA ELISE AND I'M
23 FOUNDER OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION PIN-UPS FOR VETS. AND FIRST
24 AND FOREMOST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND
25 THE REST OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR IN

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1 AMAZING HONOR. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE HEARING ABOUT OUR
2 ORGANIZATION FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT WAS BASICALLY BACK IN 2006
3 THERE WAS A LOT OF STORIES COMING OUT IN THE NEWS ABOUT THESE
4 UNDERFUNDED V.A. AND MILITARY HOSPITALS. AND IT WAS TWO YEARS
5 AFTER I GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. I FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT I
6 NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING TO SUPPORT OUR NATION'S HEROS. I'M THE
7 GRANDDAUGHTER OF A WORLD WAR II ARMY VET AND I THOUGHT WHAT
8 CAN I DO TO SUPPORT? AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BIG FAN OF WORLD
9 WAR II NOSE ART, WHICH IS WHERE THEY USED TO PAINT THESE
10 BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ON THE SIDE OF PLANES DURING WORLD WAR II TO
11 KIND OF BOOST THE MORALE FOR THE AIR CREWS. SO WE CREATED OUR
12 VERY FIRST PIN-UPS FOR VETS CALENDAR IN 2006 AND WE RELEASED
13 IT AND IT HAS BECOME A BIG HIT. SINCE THEN WE RAISED OVER
14 50,000 DOLLARS FOR BRAND NEW REHAB EQUIPMENT AT V.A. HOSPITALS
15 NATIONWIDE. [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF A 50-STATE
16 HOSPITAL TOUR WHERE WE GET DRESSED UP LIKE PINUP GIRLS AND
17 DELIVER OUR CALENDARS AS GIFTS OF APPRECIATION TO THE
18 VETERANS. WE LITERALLY GO BED TO BED AND SPEND TIME WITH ABOUT
19 100 PATIENTS PER HOSPITAL. JUST AS REALLY WAY TO SAY THANK
20 YOU. WE SHIP THOUSANDS OF CARE PACKAGES TO OUR DEPLOYED TROOPS
21 AROUND THE WORLD. AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER INITIATIVES.
22 AND SO I JUST REALLY WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS
23 RECOGNITION. AND I ALSO WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY AMAZING
24 PIN-UPS FOR VETS VOLUNTEERS. THE ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT BE
25 WHAT IT IS WITHOUT THEM. AND I JUST WANTED TO RECOGNIZE A FEW

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1 OF OUR VOLUNTEERS INDIVIDUALLY. WE HAVE KELLY RIGHT HERE.
2 KELLY IS A NAVY VETERAN. SHE ACTUALLY NAVIGATED AN AIRCRAFT
3 CARRIER. [APPLAUSE.] MILEY IS A 12-YEAR ARMY VETERAN. SHE WAS
4 A CIVIL AFFAIRS SPECIALIST IN AFGHANISTAN. [APPLAUSE.] AND
5 JULIE IS AN AIR FORCE VET IN AVIONICS. AND SO WE JUST REALLY
6 WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS, AS WELL.
7 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A 12-WEEK OLD TERRIER MIX WHOSE
10 NAME IS GINGER. SHE'S VERY CUTE. THIS IS LITTLE GINGER LOOKING
11 FOR A HOME. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT HER. CALL THE TELEPHONE
12 NUMBER 562-728-4600 [4610]. SO LITTLE GINGER, 12-WEEK OLD.
13 LITTLE TERRIER. LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND SHE LOVES THE MILITARY
14 AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ONE FINAL
17 PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO ASK RUSKIN HARTLEY. TO JOIN US UP
18 HERE, PLEASE. HE HAS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR ONE OF OUR
19 COLLEAGUES.

20

21 **RUSKIN HARTLEY:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
22 MY NAME IS RUSKIN HARTLEY I'M THE PRESIDENT OF HEAL THE BAY.
23 FOR 25 YEARS WE'VE BEEN WORKING TO PROTECT THE BEAUTIFUL BAY
24 AND OCEAN HERE IN CALIFORNIA. AND TODAY WE WANTED TO
25 ACKNOWLEDGE ONE OF YOUR OWN, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, WHO HAS BEEN A

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1 WONDERFUL CHAMPION FOR THE BAY FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS. YOU HAVE
2 DONE SO OF EMBRACING THE BAY AND EVERYTHING IT TAKES TO
3 PROTECT IT. LEADING OUR EFFORTS WITH COASTAL CLEANUP DAY. I
4 JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A COUPLE OF THE STATISTICS. OVER YOUR 20
5 YEARS, YOU HELPED ALMOST A QUARTER OF A MILLION VOLUNTEERS GET
6 OUT TO CLEAN OUT THE BEACH ON OUR CLEANUP DAYS. THEY'VE
7 REMOVED 1.6 MILLION POUNDS OF TRASH DURING THAT TIME. BUT
8 YOU'VE GONE BEYOND JUST REALIZING YOU NEED TO CLEAN UP THE BAY
9 BY PICKING UP TRASH ON THE OCEAN, YOU'VE LED THE EFFORT TO BAN
10 BAGS IN L.A. COUNTY. YOU'VE LED THE EFFORT TO INTRODUCE LOW
11 IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES HERE IN THE COUNTY. AND NOW
12 YOU'RE WORKING ON THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN UP IN SANTA MONICA
13 MOUNTAINS. SO WE JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MINUTE TO THANK YOU.
14 AND UNLIKE THE MANY TIMES WE'VE APPEARED HERE OVER THE LAST 20
15 YEARS, WE'RE NOT HERE TO ASK YOU FOR ANYTHING. WE'RE JUST HERE
16 TO OFFER OUR THANKS AND OUR GRATITUDE FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE
17 DONE. AND WE HOPE THAT WHEN YOU GO OFF INTO PRIVATE LIFE AFTER
18 20 YEARS ON THE BOARD, YOU JOIN US AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
19 PICKING UP STUFF ON THE BEACH. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST -- THIS IS A SURPRISE TO ME. AND
22 THERE ARE VERY FEW SURPRISES.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KEEP PRETTY GOOD SECRETS, DON'T I,
25 ZEV?

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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APPRECIATE THIS VERY MUCH. THE PARTNERSHIP
3 WE'VE HAD WITH HEAL THE BAY HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONAL. YOU'VE
4 HELPED MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE OUT THERE. I HOPE WE'VE
5 CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR EFFORTS IN SOME MEANINGFUL WAY. I JUST
6 WANT TO SAY NOTHING HAPPENS OUT THERE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF
7 MY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE VOTED FOR MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE
8 DONE, WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THEM FINANCIALLY AND CARE AS MUCH
9 ABOUT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE COASTLINE AS ANYBODY. SO
10 NOTHING WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE WITH
11 THE REST OF THIS BOARD. BUT I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND PLEASE
12 GIVE MY BEST TO EVERYBODY AT HEAL THE BAY. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WE HAVE SOME FOLKS THAT
15 HAVE SIGNED UP FOR MULTIPLE ITEMS. ERIC PREVEN 2, 10, 15, 18,
16 CS-1. GENEVIEVE 12, 14, 17. ARNOLD SACHS, 2, 6, 12, 17. IF YOU
17 WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

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19 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S ERIC
20 PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND TODAY IS AN
21 EXCEPTIONALLY LIGHT AGENDA, WHICH IS INTERESTING TO NOTE. A
22 LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS, HOWEVER. IN PARTICULAR, MAX
23 HUNTSMAN WHO HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN AS THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
24 GENERAL IS SETTING UP HIS OFFICE. AND THERE'S AN ITEM TODAY TO
25 ADD TO THE ORDINANCE FOR TWO POSITIONS, AN ASSISTANT INSPECTOR

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1 GENERAL AND A CHEF DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL. MY REQUEST IS IN
2 THE INTEREST OF OPEN GOVERNMENT, IT'S BEST TO POST ON THESE
3 ITEMS THE SALARY RANGE SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT. FOR THE
4 RECORD, ONE IS FROM 17,000 AND THE OTHER FROM 12 TO 18,000 PER
5 MONTH. SO THESE ARE ROLLERS. THESE ARE GUYS WHO ARE PROBABLY
6 GOING TO BE MAKING ABOVE 150,000 DOLLARS AND THE PUBLIC JUST
7 WANTS TO KNOW. OF COURSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETIMES JOBS ARE
8 REQUIRED LIKE THAT. IT'S NOT EXACTLY CLEAR WHY WE NEED THREE
9 BIG SIX-FIGURE CHARACTERS IN THE OFFICE. I'M NOT SURE IF
10 LAWYERS DOING WHAT GENNACO'S GROUP AND OTHER OVERSIGHT GROUPS
11 HAVE BEEN DOING IS WHAT WE NEED. THAT SAID, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
12 GETTING. AND I THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW. ITEM NUMBER 15
13 CAUGHT MY ATTENTION AND I WISH SUPERVISOR MOLINA -- OH SHE IS
14 HERE. SHE IS IN A CONVERSATION OVER THERE. BUT A FEW MONTHS, A
15 YEAR AGO A GROUP CALLED NETSMART STEPPED UP TO PROVIDE
16 SOFTWARE FOR 10 YEARS. AND GLORIA MOLINA AND I IDENTIFIED THAT
17 93 MILLION DOLLARS FOR NETSMART IN SOFTWARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH
18 SEEMED LIKE A ROBUST NUMBER. WELL TODAY WE'RE APPROVING 51
19 ITEMS FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO HELP
20 WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, WHICH EVERYBODY IS NOW
21 SUPPORTIVE OF TRYING TO ROLL OUT SOME OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
22 PROGRAMS. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF IN FACT WE'RE ADDING SUCH
23 A LARGE ADMINISTRATIVE FORCE, WE SHOULD BE RE-NEGOTIATING WITH
24 NET SMART BECAUSE THAT NUMBER SMARTED, PARDON THE PUN, SOME
25 YEARS AGO, A COUPLE YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS APPROVED. SO I WOULD

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1 REALLY ASK THAT THE BOARD LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT PARTICULAR
2 ITEM. TODAY I GOT VERY EXCITED BECAUSE IT LOOKED LIKE THE
3 SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT WAS COMING DOWN THE PIKE. IT LOOKED LIKE
4 BECAUSE MIKE ANTONOVICH VOTED NO HE WASN'T GOING TO GO FOR IT,
5 IT LOOKED LIKE ZEV OR SUPERVISOR KNABE WAS GOING TO GO FOR IT
6 AND JOIN THE COLLEAGUES IN KIND OF A QUASI CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
7 GROUP. WE DON'T BELIEVE TOO MUCH THAT IT'S GOING TO BE
8 HAPPENING TODAY BUT IT MIGHT. AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO
9 THAT IF IN FACT IT DOES HAPPEN. THAT WOULD BE A STEP, OF
10 COURSE, IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND ITEM NUMBER I'M A LITTLE
11 DISORGANIZED HERE. CS-1. LAST WEEK YOU MADE A SETTLEMENT ON
12 THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM, OR NO, YOU CHOSE TO FILE AN APPEAL IN
13 A CASE. AND I WANTED TO WEIGH IN ON WHAT THAT PARTICULAR CASE
14 IS ABOUT BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS, GUYS, WITH OUR
15 JUSTICE SYSTEM IN OUR D.A.'S OFFICE. AND THIS PARTICULAR CASE,
16 AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WAS A MATTER THAT DEALT WITH AN APPEAL FOR
17 SUSAN WHITE VERSUS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? GENEVIEVE?

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21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
22 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 12, I WISH I COULD FIND MORE
23 INFORMATION VIS-A-VIS THE REGISTERED NURSING SCHEDULE AND SO
24 ON. AND FOREVER I HAVE BEEN VERY CONCERNED ON S.E.I.U.
25 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. AND LIKE I SAID, I WOULD HAVE

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1 LIKED TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION. ON ITEM 14, AND I KNOW YOU
2 HELD IT FOR SPEAKING LATER, BUT DEPENDING UPON WHEN YOU DEAL
3 WITH THAT ITEM, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK NOW SO I CAN LEAVE. ON THAT
4 ITEM, YOU KNOW I AM TOTALLY ALLERGIC TO SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS.
5 YOU HAVE A CONTRACT FOR SOCIAL INTEREST SOLUTION, WHICH IS FOR
6 MANY MILLION DOLLARS ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. EVERY WEEK WE
7 ADD A NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ITEM. FOR THAT COMPANY,
8 SOCIAL INTEREST SOLUTION, IS A COMPANY IF YOU LOOK AT THEIR
9 RATING, THEY HAVE ONE OF THE WORST RATING I HAVE SEEN ON ANY
10 COMPANY. AND MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BOARD FOR THIS
11 COMPANY CLAIM THAT MANAGEMENT IS TOTALLY IN DISARRAY. THEY DO
12 NOT PAY THEIR EMPLOYEES THE WAY THEY SHOULD BE PAID AND SO ON.
13 SO FIRST OF ALL, THEY SHOULD NOT BE A SOLE VENDOR. THERE IS A
14 LOT OF INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES WHO DO THE SAME KIND OF WORK THEY
15 ARE DOING. ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS FROM THAT COMPANY WAS PART
16 OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WROTE PART OF THE S.C.A. STRATEGY AND
17 SO ON AND IS ALSO A VERY RELATIONSHIP WITH COVER CALIFORNIA
18 AND SO ON. SO I THINK YOU REALLY SHOULD LOOK AT THAT ITEM VERY
19 CAREFULLY AND NOT APPROVE THAT CONTRACT. YOU KNOW, LIKE I
20 SAID, IT WAS EVERY WEEK YOU APPROVE A NEW INFORMATION
21 TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT. NONE OF THOSE TALKED WITH EACH OTHER. AND
22 THAT'S NOT TRUE SOMETIMES. I THINK THAT'S VERY SCARY. I KNOW
23 LOW INCOME PEOPLE NEED TO BE REGISTERED SO THEY GET
24 APPROPRIATE CARE, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAPPEN BY DOING THOSE
25 FRAGMENTED CARE. ANYWAY, FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE, MY

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1 RESEARCH ON NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH
2 THE OBAMACARE. SO YOU MIGHT ENJOY IT. THANK YOU. "IT'S A
3 BATTLE AHEAD FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS" IN "WORKING NURSE"
4 MAGAZINE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND I, TOO,
9 HELD SEVERAL ITEMS. I DID HOLD THIS ITEM ON THE SHERIFF'S
10 OVERSIGHT. THIS IS THE STORY FROM JANUARY 9, 2014, AND IT'S
11 REGARDING MAX HUNTSMAN. IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT -- THIS IS RIGHT
12 AFTER THE SHERIFF OFFERED HIS RETIREMENT. IT STATES IN THIS
13 ARTICLE FROM "THE DAILY BREEZE". "SINCE THE SHERIFF IS NOT AN
14 ELECTED OFFICIAL, HE IS NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED TO ANSWER TO AN
15 INSPECTOR GENERAL APPOINTED BY THE BOARD. BACA AGREED TO GIVE
16 HUNTSMAN FULL ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT FILES. A DIFFERENT SHERIFF
17 COULD TECHNICALLY REFUSE. HUNTSMAN SAID THAT LOOPHOLE WILL
18 SOON BE CLOSED THROUGH AN ORDINANCE TO BE PASSED BY THE
19 BOARD." NOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PERSONNEL, BUT NOBODY IS
20 TALKING ABOUT AN ORDINANCE. NOW, THIS IS A GUY YOU APPOINTED
21 TO DO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. SO IF YOU DON'T PASS AN
22 ORDINANCE, YOU LEAVE HIM OUT TO DRY. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO
23 START TALKING ABOUT AN ORDINANCE? OR ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE
24 HIM OUT TO DRY? HE'S SAYING IT. I'M JUST READING IT. MAYBE HE
25 DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT. MAYBE HE DOESN'T KNOW

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1 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT BEING SAID, LET'S TALK ABOUT
2 NUMBER 6.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T YOU TALK THE TRUTH? YOU KNOW
5 HE'S WORKING WITH US TO GET THE ORDINANCE, SO DON'T WORRY
6 ABOUT IT.

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT PERSONNEL. I HAVEN'T
9 HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT AN ORDINANCE. SO WHY DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT
10 AN ORDINANCE AT ONE OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS, SIR? TALK ABOUT THE
11 TRUTH. THE TRUTH IS RIGHT HERE IN THE STORY. THIS IS FROM
12 JANUARY. I BELIEVE IT'S THE END OF FEBRUARY. ITEM NUMBER 6,
13 CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK. SO WHO'S GOING TO PROTECT THE
14 CONSUMERS AGAINST THE BOARD? YOU SAID MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO
15 BE VICTIMIZED BY FRAUD OR SCAMS. SO I BRING UP THIS SUNSHINE
16 COUNTY LANDFILL AND BOARD MATH: 6 TIMES 12 IS 66. I BET WITH
17 HE ANY ONE OF THOSE KIDS WITH A BOOKMARK WILL TELL YOU 6 TIMES
18 12 IS 72. NOT ON THE BOARD. TALK ABOUT THE DISCUSSION WITH
19 D.C.F.S. AND THE SCAM THERE. YOU HAD 10 RECOMMENDATIONS.
20 EXCEPT TWO OF THEM WERE STATE LAWS. AND YOU SAY C.P.C.1164,
21 THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING ACT. SO YOUR BLUE RIBBON
22 COMMISSION RECOMMENDED YOU FOLLOW TWO LAWS. WHO CARES? AND
23 THEN THIS ONE IS IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPER ABOUT THE WATER BASIN
24 DISTRICT. CENTRAL BASIN SPENT MONEY IN ONE CASE PAYING A
25 CONSULTANT TO CREATE PROMOTIONAL ONLINE STORIES UNDER THE

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1 NAMES, BIOS, AND PHOTOS OF REPORTERS WHO DID NOT EXIST. CAN
2 YOU SAY METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA METROPOLITAN GOLD
3 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? THAT DIDN'T EXIST AND YET IT GOT
4 PROPERTY. AND THEN FINALLY PENSION REFORM FROM 2010.
5 SUPERVISORS DELAY ACTION EVEN THOUGH THEY OWN 26 BILLION
6 DOLLARS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA FROM NOVEMBER 27, 2012. 22 BILLION
7 UNFUNDED HEALTHCARE MANDATE AND IN YOUR OWN AGENDA TODAY A-6,
8 AN ITEM THAT GOES BACK TO 2010.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** (OFF MIC). TALK ABOUT THE TRUTH, SUPERVISOR
13 KNABE. THE TRUTH!

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
18 THIS BOARD. ITEMS NUMBER 6, 10, 12, 17 AND 18?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
21 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CLEAN UP THE AGENDA HERE BEFORE WE GO TO
2 SPECIALS. ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR THOMAS YOU HELD THAT ITEM,
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES.
6 WE'VE HAD SINCE SEPTEMBER A MOTION BEFORE US TO CONSIDER AN
7 OVERSIGHT FUNCTION FOR THE SHERIFF. I WANT TO APPLAUD THE
8 BOARD FOR THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN TERMS
9 OF CONCENTRATING ON REFORM TO DATE. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE'S
10 BEEN A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THIS
11 MATTER, LARGELY EDITORIALS AND OPINION PIECES. LAURIE LEVENSON
12 WEIGHED IN IN NOVEMBER, RAY SONNENSCHNEIN AND ERWIN CHEMERINSKY
13 AND MIRIAM KRINSKY, ROB GREEN, PASTOR CECIL MURRAY, JOHN W.
14 MACK. MANY, MANY OTHERS HAVE SUGGESTED THE TIME HAS COME. I
15 KNOW THAT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE DELIBERATE AND/OR
16 DELIBERATIVE IN OUR PURSUIT OF ADVANCING THE MATTER OF REFORM
17 IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT SHOULD NOT
18 BE OVERLOOKED OR UNDERESTIMATED THE AMOUNT OF WORK, ATTENTION
19 AND CONCENTRATION THAT HAS BEEN APPLIED TO DATE. AND YET THERE
20 IS STILL MORE TO DO. THAT'S RATHER OBVIOUS. MAY I THEN SUGGEST
21 THAT WE TAKE THE MATTER FORWARD? I AM PREPARED TO SUBMIT FOR
22 OUR CONSIDERATION A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION,
23 WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY TO HOLD THE CONTENT OF IT IN ABEYANCE FOR
24 THE TIME BEING AND MOVE FORWARD WITH ASKING TWO PARTNERS AND
25 THE REFORM OF OUR DEPARTMENT, BOTH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AS

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1 WELL AS THE INTERIM SHERIFF, TO COME BACK TO US WITH INPUT ON
2 VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE MODELS, NO PREDISPOSITION AT THIS POINT IN
3 TIME BUT THOROUGH VETTING. AND HAVE THAT FOR OUR
4 CONSIDERATION. THE SUGGESTION HAS ALSO THEN BEEN MADE BY
5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY THAT WE CONSIDER HAVING COUNTY COUNSEL
6 AID IN THIS EFFORT, AND I WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO THAT
7 SUGGESTION. SO THIS ESSENTIALLY CONSTITUTES A REPORT BACK. THE
8 WORK SHOULD BE DONE BY JUNE 30TH. AND PURSUANT TO THE BOARD'S
9 PLEASURE, WE'LL TAKE IT UP ON JULY 8TH PURSUANT TO THE
10 CALENDARING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND? ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE QUESTION I HAVE, JUST IN READING THE
16 MOTION IS I DON'T WANT TO PRESUPPOSE THAT -- I DON'T WANT THE
17 INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE INTERIM SHERIFF TO BE UNDER THE
18 IMPRESSION THAT WE'RE DIRECTING THEM TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE
19 OVERSIGHT MECHANISMS BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T VOTED TO DO THAT. TO
20 THIS POINT THERE'S BEEN NO VOTE TO DO THAT. I GUESS WHAT
21 YOU'RE SAYING IS IF THERE WERE TO BE OVERSIGHT, HOW WOULD THEY
22 STRUCTURE IT?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE OTHER THING IS PERHAPS WE WANT TO
2 ASK THEM FOR THEIR RECOMMENDATION ON THE ISSUE, FUNDAMENTAL
3 ISSUE ITSELF.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT'S CRITICAL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ADD THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHETHER THEY WANT IT OR NOT. AGAIN, MY
12 CONCERN WITH THE MOTION AS IT READS NOW, I HAD A DIFFERENT
13 INSIGHT. I WANT THIS EXPLAIN TO ME BUT READING IT IS THAT WE
14 ARE DIRECTING THEM TO DEVELOP THE PARAMETERS FOR AN OVERSIGHT
15 COMMISSION. AND IN NO WAY, SHAPE OR FORM WOULD I SUPPORT THAT
16 AT THIS POINT. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH A REPORT BACK. BUT I
17 WANT TO BE CLEAR TO THEM TO NOT TO PRESUPPOSE. SO I AGREE WITH
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD JUST ADD THE PHRASE "DIRECT THE
21 INSPECTOR GENERAL WHEN REQUESTING THE SHERIFF," I WOULD INSERT
22 THERE, "TO PROVIDE US WITH THE RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER A
23 CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND TO
24 COLLABORATE IN PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE POTENTIAL " BLAH, BLAH,
25 BLAH, THE WAY IT IS NOW. THE SECOND THING -- I APPRECIATE

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1 THAT. THE SECOND THING I WANTED TO ASK, MARK ADDRESSED IT
2 BRIEFLY, IS I DO THINK WE NEED A KIND OF AN OMNIBUS MEMO FROM
3 THE COUNTY COUNSEL, KIND OF A MATRIX OF WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE.
4 NOT JUST SURVEY OF WHAT'S OUT THERE BUT OF ANY OPTIONS. HERE'S
5 AN OPTION AND HERE'S WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THAT
6 OPTION. OPTION 1 MAY BE A COMMISSION ANALOGOUS TO THE L.A.P.D.
7 WELL THAT WILL REQUIRE A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. I
8 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WOULD
9 HAVE TO BE. WHAT SPECIFICALLY DO WE NEED TO AMEND? I THINK
10 THERE'S A COMMON UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
11 OPINED ON THIS ISSUE THAT WE HAVE -- THAT WHATEVER WE CREATE
12 UNDER CURRENT LAW IN THE WAY OF AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION HAS NO
13 STATUTORY POWER TO DO VERY MUCH, IF ANYTHING. THE QUESTION
14 I'VE ALWAYS HAD IS AND THIS GOES BACK TO THE MID '90S WHEN
15 SHERIFF BLOCK WAS STILL AROUND IS HOW COULD WE -- WHAT WOULD
16 NEED TO BE DONE TO GIVE AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THE TEETH THAT
17 I'D LIKE TO SEE ANY SUCH ENTITY HAVE? I SAID TO MY COLLEAGUES
18 BEFORE, I'M NOT INTO SYMBOLIC THINGS. I WANT TO GET PRODUCT
19 OUT THE DOOR. AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE TO GET
20 WHAT KIND OF PRODUCTS OUT THE DOOR AND WHAT IT REQUIRES TO DO
21 THAT. I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER HAD, AT LEAST NOT IN THE LAST
22 15 OR SO YEARS A MEMORANDUM FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON WHAT
23 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DO THAT SORT OF THING. SO IS THAT
24 SOMETHING YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO DO? YOU'RE PROPOSING THIS BE
25 PUT OVER TILL WHEN? TILL JUNE? SO BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE, YOU

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1 CERTAINLY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE US, EVEN IN ADVANCE OF THAT
2 SOMETHING SO WE AND THE PUBLIC CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT WE CAN DO
3 AND WHAT WE CAN'T DO AND SO THAT WE'RE NOT ENGAGING IN RAISING
4 FALSE EXPECTATIONS. AND THAT'S FOR OURSELVES OR FOR ANYBODY
5 ELSE. SO I'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT AS PART OF THIS IF THAT'S OKAY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.

8

9 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** WE'D BE GLAD TO DO THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD ASK PATRICE CULLORS,
14 PATRICIA RUSSELL, GENNE SCOTT, AND FRANCISCA PORCHAS TO JOIN
15 US, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **PATRICE CULLORS:** HI EVERYBODY. THANKS FOR HAVING US. MY NAME
18 IS PATRICE CULLORS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY AND
19 POWER NOW. OUR MAIN CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN THE COALITION TO END
20 SHERIFF VIOLENCE AT L.A. JAILS. OVER THE LAST 16 MONTHS, OUR
21 WORK HAS BEEN TRYING TO PUSH THIS BOARD TO EMPANEL CIVILIAN
22 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE'VE
23 BROUGHT THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY SHERIFF
24 VIOLENCE. WE BROUGHT LAWYERS. WE'VE BROUGHT TEACHERS AND
25 STUDENTS AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO URGE

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1 THIS BOARD TO IMPLEMENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. WHAT I'VE HEARD
2 TODAY IS A STRONG MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD IN STUDYING
3 SOMETHING, WHICH I THINK IS IMPORTANT. AND I THINK IT'S
4 HELPFUL FOR US TO KNOW THE TRANSPARENCY THIS BOARD IS TRYING
5 TO BRING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND LAST MONTH WE HAD
6 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CALL SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE
7 FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY REALLY TRYING TO ENGAGE OUR OFFICE TO
8 FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU STOOD ON THIS. AND DOZENS OF PEOPLE SAID
9 THAT YOU ANSWERED THE CALL DIRECTLY. SO WE APPRECIATE YOU
10 TAKING THE TIME WITH THE PUBLIC TO DO THAT. AND LASTLY I JUST
11 WANT TO SAY THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BROUGHT SO MUCH
12 HAVOC ONTO THE COMMUNITY IN THESE LAST 20 YEARS. AND HUMAN,
13 CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. SO TO VOTE
14 THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BODY IN WOULD BE A HUGE REFORM AND
15 WOULD BE A STANCE ON HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS. THANK YOU SO
16 MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, THANK YOU.

19

20 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** HI, MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND I'M A
21 MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. I'M NOT
22 SPEAKING FOR THEM TODAY. BUT AS A MOTHER WHOSE SON WAS IN TWIN
23 TOWER 1 MENTAL HEALTH. HE ALMOST DIED OF KIDNEY FAILURE THERE.
24 HE WOULD HAVE DIED BUT HE WAS PSYCHOTIC BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE
25 ANYTHING TO DO DURING THE DAY LIKE MOST OF THEM DON'T. AND

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1 THEY GET SICKER THERE. AND HE WAS BANGING HIS HEAD AGAINST THE
2 WALL. AND THEY RUSHED HIM TO THE HOSPITAL SO THAT THEY COULD
3 FIGURE OUT IF HE HAD HAD A CONCUSSION. WHILE HE WAS AT THE
4 HOSPITAL, OUTSIDE HOSPITAL, THEY TOOK A BLOOD TEST AND FOUND
5 OUT HIS KIDNEYS WERE FAILING. HAD HE NOT BEEN BANGING HIS HEAD
6 AGAINST THE WALL, HE WOULD HAVE DIED. AND I HAD TO -- THEN
7 WHEN I FINALLY SAW HIM, AFTER HE HAD ALMOST KIDNEY FAILURE,
8 THEY PUT HIM BACK IN I.R.C. AND HE WAS THERE FOR HOURS WITH 40
9 OTHER INMATES CURLING UP IN A FETAL POSITION ON THE FLOOR
10 BECAUSE HE WAS SO WEAK. AND WHEN I VISITED HIM THE FOLLOWING
11 WEEK, HE WAS SO THIN I ALMOST FAINTED. AND I DEMANDED THAT
12 THEY WEIGH HIM. AND IT TOOK ALL DAY LONG TO FINALLY GET TO
13 SOMEONE WHO DID WEIGH HIM. AND HE WEIGHED IN AT 138 POUNDS.
14 HE'S 6' 1". AND THEY PUT HIM ON A HIGH PROTEIN DIET. I COULD
15 GO ON ABOUT OTHER INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED TO MY SON THAT HE
16 WAS THERE FROM APRIL UNTIL JUST JANUARY 9TH. BUT I REALIZE
17 THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. I CAN'T SAY HOW MUCH I HOPE THAT
18 YOU GUYS WILL GO FORWARD WITH THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSION BECAUSE I KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE
20 I'M A MEMBER OF NAMI BUT SO MANY PEOPLE DON'T AND THEY NEED TO
21 HAVE SOME PLACE TO GO WHERE THEY CAN TALK ABOUT WHAT'S
22 HAPPENING TO THEIR LOVED ONES WHO ARE INCARCERATED. SO I
23 REALLY HOPE WITH ALL DUE RESPECT AND APPRECIATION THAT YOU
24 GUYS WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH, SO THE SUPERVISORS WOULD MOVE
25 FORWARD WITH THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

3

4 **GENNE SCOTT:** HI, MY NAME IS GENNE SCOTT. I'M AN L.A. COUNTY
5 NATIVE AND MY FAMILY HAS A LONG HISTORY IN LOS ANGELES. AND
6 ALONG WITH THAT, I ALSO HAVE A LONG HISTORY WITH THE L.A.
7 COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM, MULTIPLE UNCLES AND COUSINS AND MY BROTHER
8 WAS LITERALLY RAISED IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. THIS
9 MOTION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I HAVE A LOT OF FAMILY
10 MEMBERS IN THERE. I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT CITIZENS
11 AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE WHOSE FAMILIES ARE
12 DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THIS HAVE A SAY IN MAKING SURE THAT
13 FATHER FAMILY MEMBERS ARE THAT THE HUMAN BEINGS INSIDE THESE
14 WALLS, VOICES' ARE BEING HEARD. SO I HOPE THAT THE BOARD
15 SERIOUSLY CONSIDERS THIS AS NOT ONLY A HUMANE ISSUE AND HUMANE
16 THING AND RIGHT THING TO DO, TO MAKE SURE THESE PEOPLE ARE
17 TREATED RIGHT BUT AS A COMMUNITY ISSUE AND A FAMILY ISSUE.
18 THANKS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22 **FRANCISCA PORCHAS:** HI, MY NAME IS FRANCISCA PORCHAS. AND I'M
23 ONE OF THE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS WITH THE COALITION TO END
24 VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS. HERE TO URGE OBVIOUSLY EVERYONE'S VOTE
25 IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. BUT ALSO TO URGE THAT THIRD VOTE

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1 THAT'S MISSING, THAT OTHER MOTION THAT'S BEEN TABLED FOR
2 AWHILE AROUND LOOKING INTO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD. I
3 HAVE A ONE-YEAR-OLD SON. I AM A MEXICAN AMERICAN. HERE IS MY
4 VERY ACTIVE ONE-YEAR-OLD SON. AND I WANT HIM TO HAVE -- I LIVE
5 IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I WANT HIM TO FEEL SAFE. AND I MEAN SAFE
6 NOT FROM GANGS BUT I MEAN SAFE FROM POLICE BRUTALITY. I WANT
7 HIM TO LIVE A VERY WHOLE, HEALTHY, BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICAL
8 LIFE. AND I DON'T WANT TO BE FEARING FOR HIS SAFETY
9 CONSTANTLY. SO I URGE YOU TODAY TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS
10 PUBLIC HEARING. I THINK IT'S BEEN LONG OVERDUE. BUT I ALSO
11 URGE YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SPECIFICALLY, TO PLEASE
12 CONSIDER BEING THAT THIRD VOTE THAT WE NEED FOR THAT MOTION
13 THAT'S BEEN TABLED. AND REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING UP THE
14 LOOKING INTO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE CONSTITUTIONALLY BECAUSE I
15 THINK IF THIS THING HAPPENS, IF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD
16 HAPPENS, IT NEEDS TO HAVE TEETH. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT IN ORDER
17 FOR IT TO HAVE TEETH, SOME THINGS HAVE TO CHANGE AT THE STATE
18 LEVEL. AND SO AGAIN I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT UP AND
19 APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
20 SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THE MOTION IS
23 BEFORE US. OH, EXCUSE ME. I HAD ONE LAST MINUTE HERE. I THINK
24 SOMEONE JUST SIGNED UP? PAMELA CONLEY?

25

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1 **PAMELA CONLEY:** THANK YOU, MY NAME IS PAMELA CONLEY. I'M A
2 MOTHER LIVE IN MALIBU. I'M CURRENTLY RUNNING FOR ZEV'S OFFICE.
3 BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND SERVICE TO OUR
4 COMMUNITY AND TO LOS ANGELES BUT TODAY I'VE BEEN SITTING IN
5 THIS AUDIENCE AND I'VE LISTENED TO WHAT MARK AND WHAT GLORIA
6 HAVE TRIED TO DO AND I'VE READ ABOUT IT AND I REALLY THINK THE
7 TIME HAS COME TO FORM THIS COMMITTEE. I AGREE WITH WHAT ZEV
8 SAID. WE NEED TO LOOK INTO IT TO MAKE SURE IT HAS TEETH. BUT
9 THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. I
10 LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VOTE. AND THANK YOU, ZEV, FOR ALL YOU'VE
11 DONE FOR LOS ANGELES. AND HOPE THIS COMMITTEE, YOU FIVE WILL
12 VOTE ON THIS UNANIMOUSLY TODAY AND MOVE IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JABRIEL MOHAMMED HERE?

15

16 **JABRIEL MOHAMMED:** JABRIEL MOHAMMAD FROM BISMILLAH THE JUSTICE
17 MOVEMENT. I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. THE CITIZENS NEED TO
18 HAVE MORE INTERFACE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, ABSOLUTELY.
19 ANYTHING THAT WILL BRING US TO THAT IS A POSITIVE. IN REGARDS
20 TO THE ATROCITIES THAT WE ARE BEING SUBJECT TO, THINGS ARE NOT
21 BEING MADE CLEAR. EVEN THE AGENDA ITEMS ARE NOT BEING MADE AS
22 CLEAR AS I WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE. BUT, HOWEVER, IN REGARDS TO
23 THE CONDUCT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHATEVER WE COULD DO TO MAKE
24 OUR ENVIRONMENT BETTER IS ALWAYS A POSITIVE. AND WE AS A
25 COMMUNITY WOULD BE COMFORTED BY BEING INVOLVED AND

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1 PARTICIPATING, I FEEL THAT THE DOOR SHOULD DEFINITELY BE OPEN
2 FOR THAT. AND ANYONE WHO IS MAKING EFFORT TO INVOLVE THE
3 COMMUNITY AND TO INTERFACE WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR THE SAKE OF
4 RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE FACED WITH IS A POSITIVE.
5 THUS, THIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WOULD BE A POSITIVE. I AM JUST
6 HOPING THAT LIKING TO THE OTHER COMMENTS THAT IT HAS THE TEETH
7 IT NEEDS AND THUS THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THIS
8 COMMITTEE, BE PROFOUND PEOPLE WHOSE OPINIONS WERE WITHOUT
9 QUESTION HAVE WEIGHT. SO WHEN WE SOLICIT FOR THE SAKE OF THE
10 COMMITTEE I PRAY WE MAKE THAT OUR INTENTION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED, MR. CHAIR, I WOULD SO MOVE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THE CLARIFICATIONS ON THE INTENT.
17 AS AMENDED WITH VARIOUS INTENTIONS BECAUSE THIS IS NOT A
18 DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. AS AMENDED, SO ORDERED.
21 THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER 8. THIS IS HELD BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF
22 THE PUBLIC. MOST OF US ARE IN FAVOR OF THE ITEM BEFORE US, I
23 ASSUME. SO HOPEFULLY YOU COULD INDICATE THAT SUPPORT. I CALL
24 RON RAMBIN, ROGER HARING, JAMES LINDSAY, AND CHACE UNRUH, THE
25 FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS?

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME SAY AS THEY ARE COMING
3 UP, THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER OWNS THE BOUQUET
4 RESERVOIR AT THE TOP OF THE BOUQUET CANYON ROAD IN THE SANTA
5 CLARITA VALLEY. ROUGHLY 150 RESIDENTS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE
6 ROAD DEPEND ON WATER FROM BOUQUET RESERVOIR TO REPLENISH THEIR
7 WELLS. HISTORICALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER HAS
8 RELEASED WATER FROM RESERVOIR AND IT MAKES IT'S WAY DOWN
9 BOUQUET CREEK WHICH RUNS PARALLEL WITH BOUQUET CANYON ROAD
10 DOWN TO THE RESIDENTS' WELLS. IN 2002 SERIES OF FIRES AND
11 STORMS INCREASED SEDIMENT DEPOSITS IN THE CREEK. THE SEDIMENT
12 HAS BUILT UP SO HIGH THAT THE CREEK AND ROAD ARE NOW LEVEL
13 WITH ONE ANOTHER. THIS MEANS THAT WHENEVER THE D.W.P. RELEASES
14 WATER INTO THE CREEK, THE WATER MAKES ITS WAY ON THE ROAD, AS
15 WELL. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THIS CREATES A DRIVING HAZARD ON
16 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD AND HAS CEASED RELEASING WATER INTO THE
17 CREEK. RESULTS IN THE RESIDENTS' WELLS ARE NOW DOWN BELOW TO
18 GO DRY. EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY DOESN'T OWN THE ROAD, IT ONLY
19 OPERATES IT BY A PERMIT WITH THE FOREST SERVICE, WE ARE READY
20 TO GO IN AND CLEAN OUT THE SEDIMENT SO THAT THE WATER CAN BE
21 RELEASED. HOWEVER THE BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE WITH THE FOREST
22 SERVICE AND CALIFORNIA FISH AND WILDLIFE ARE MAKING IT
23 DIFFICULT TO CLEAN THE CREEK OUT WITHOUT ERRONEOUS
24 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES THAT ARE VERY EXPENSIVE AND WOULD TAKE
25 YEARS AND YEARS TO COMPLETE. SO WE HAVE A MOTION WHICH IS ON

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1 THE AGENDA TODAY THAT DECLARES A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND
2 REQUESTS THE FOREST SERVICE AND THE STATE TO WAIVE THEIR
3 REQUIREMENT SO THAT CREWS CAN MOBILIZE AND REMOVE THE SEDIMENT
4 AND IT DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL GATES
5 ON BOUQUET CANYON ROAD TO INSURE THAT WE CAN CLOSE THE ROAD
6 TEMPORARILY WHILE THE D.W.P. RELEASES WATER. THIS WAY IF THE
7 ROAD GETS WET, IT WOULD NOT CREATE A DRIVING HAZARD. THERE ARE
8 A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TODAY FROM THE COMMUNITY WHO WANT TO SPEAK
9 ON THIS ISSUE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL CALL THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS. GO
12 AHEAD. ANYONE LIKE TO START, PLEASE.

13

14 **ROGER HARING:** MR. KNABE, MY NAME IS ROGER HARING. I AM A
15 RESIDENT OF BOUQUET CANYON SINCE 1975. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I
16 RETAINED THE SERVICES OF SCOTT FRANKLIN, WHO HAD A
17 DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT,
18 RETIRED AS A CAPTAIN AND AS AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT, URBAN
19 WILDFIRE, WILD LAND FIRE MANAGEMENT. I ASKED HIM TO PROVIDE A
20 RISK ASSESSMENT TO BOUQUET CANYON WELL OWNERS DUE TO THE
21 REDUCTION OF THE BOUQUET CANYON STREAM FLOW BY L.A.D.W.P.
22 RESIDENTS LOCATED AT THE MOUTH OF BOUQUET CANYON DIRECTLY
23 SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH TEXAS CANYON RESIDE WITHIN A
24 DESIGNATED HIGH-HAZARD FIRE SEVERITY ZONE. THIS AREA HAS BEEN
25 SUBJECT TO HIGH INTENSITY WILDFIRE AND SINCE 1970 HAS

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1 EXPERIENCED IN EXCESS OF FIVE MAJOR WILDFIRES. BECAUSE OF
2 TOPOGRAPHY, NATIVE VEGETATION, CLIMATIC CONDITIONS THAT
3 INCLUDE HIGH SANTA ANA WIND CONDITIONS, THE AREA IS CONSIDERED
4 A HISTORICAL WILDFIRE CORRIDOR. JUST TO SUMMARIZE A LETTER
5 WHICH I'VE ASKED TO BE INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC RECORD, "MINIMUM
6 STREAM FLOW HAS CREATED A CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE SCENARIO IN
7 THE RAPARIAN AREA SOUTH OF TEXAS CANYON."

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **ROGER HARING::** WE WOULD REQUEST THAT IF THERE'S ANYBODY ON THE
12 BUBBLE HERE AS TO WHETHER THIS WAS A GOOD DECISION TO VOTE
13 FOR, THAT YOU CONSIDER THE FACT THAT NOT ONLY FOR DOMESTIC USE
14 AND AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION WE NEED THE WATER FOR FIRE
15 PROTECTION AND WE ASK THAT YOU VOTE FOR SUPERVISOR
16 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I'M HERE, I'VE BEEN ORGANIZING THE GROUP, SENDING OUT
25 EMAILS TO ALL THE FOLKS WHOSE WELLS HAVE GONE DRY. WE HAVE

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1 APPROXIMATELY 17 FOLKS THAT HAVE NO WATER AT THIS CURRENT TIME
2 AND HAVE TO BUY WATER OFF A TRUCK. WE HAVE A COUPLE ELDERLY
3 COUPLES WHO ARE STILL FLUSHING THEIR TOILETS WITH A BUCKET,
4 WHICH IN THIS DAY AND TIME IS CERTAINLY NOT REASONABLE. WE
5 REQUEST THE BOARD APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT, OBVIOUSLY. AND THAT
6 THERE ARE OVER 500 RESIDENTS WHOSE WELLS ARE GOING DRY AND
7 WE'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE HYDROLOGIST BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER
8 AND POWER THAT ALL THE WELLS WILL EVENTUALLY GO DRY IF NO
9 WATER IS PROVIDED DOWN THE CREEK. THANK YOU.

10

11 **CHACE UNRUH:** HI, MY NAME IS CHACE UNRUH, I'M HERE TO SHOW
12 SUPPORT AS WELL. MY WELL HAS ACTUALLY GONE DRY. I TRIED TO
13 DRILL ANOTHER WELL, IT HAS AS WELL GONE DRY. MANY OF THE OTHER
14 WELL OWNERS ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION AS I AM. OBVIOUSLY
15 PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE TO TURN THE WATER UP, IT'S A SIMPLE ISSUE.
16 THEY CAN GO UP THE CANYON AND CLEAN OUT THE CREEK BED AND THIS
17 ISSUE'S RESOLVED. WE JUST NEED YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR TO CREATE
18 IT IN AN EMERGENCY SO WE CAN GET WATER TO PEOPLE THAT NEED IT.

19

20 **JAMES LINDSAY:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS JAMES
21 LINDSAY. I'M A RESIDENT. MR. LINDSAY, HOLD THERE A SECOND. I'D
22 LIKE TO CALL UP LINDA PURPUS, GEORGE NUA. MONICA GILCHRIST AND
23 JAMES YANNOTTA. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. THANK YOU. SORRY.

24

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1 **JAMES LINDSAY:** MY NAME IS MR. JAMES LINDSAY. AND I'M A
2 RESIDENT ON BOUQUET CANYON. AND MY WELL HAS ALSO HAD SOME
3 PROBLEMS WITH THE WATER BECAUSE OF THE CREEK NOT BEING ALLOWED
4 TO FLOW. JUST, I DID SOME RESEARCH. THE L.A.D.W.P. ESTIMATES
5 THAT EACH RESIDENT USES ABOUT 12 H.C.F.S A MONTH. AND THOSE
6 RATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, LONG BEACH IS ABOUT 40, PASADENA
7 41, GLENDALE 43, L.A. D.W.P., 48 FOR THAT NUMBER OF H.C.F.S.
8 IN ORDER FOR US TO TRUCK IN THAT NUMBER, IT WOULD BE ABOUT 220
9 DOLLARS IT'S ABOUT 8,000 GALLONS OF WATER. SO IT IS IMPORTANT
10 TO ALL OF US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE SOME WATER. AND I
11 UNDERSTAND THE SAFETY OF THE ROAD BEING AN ISSUE. AND
12 HOPEFULLY THE RAIN THAT THE FORECASTERS ARE FORECASTING THIS
13 WEEK DON'T FLOOD OUT THE ROAD. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **LINDA PURPUS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LINDA PURPUS, SENIOR
18 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST WITH UNITED WATER CONSERVATION
19 DISTRICT. WE'RE A WATER RESOURCE MANAGER IN VENTURA COUNTY, A
20 PUBLIC AGENCY. IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE, PROTECT,
21 CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE WATER RESOURCES OF SANTA CLARA RIVER
22 VALLEY AS TRIBUTARIES AND THE ASSOCIATED GROUND WATER AQUIFERS
23 THERE. LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER OWNS AND
24 OPERATES THE BOUQUET RESERVOIR. THEY HAVE SOLE DISCRETION OVER
25 WATER RELEASES THERE. HOWEVER, WE ARE IN A CONTRACT, UNITED IS

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1 IN A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER UNDER
2 WHICH THEY HAVE A LONG-STANDING OBLIGATION TO RELEASE WATER TO
3 BOUQUET CANYON. THE INTENT OF THAT WATER RELEASE IS TO
4 RECHARGE THE GRAVEL OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. AND THAT
5 ENTAILS, THAT'S TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY WERE RECHARGED
6 NATURALLY PRIOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAM THERE. I'M HERE
7 TODAY TO SHOW SUPPORT OF MY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GENERAL
8 MANAGER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLAN TO
9 RESTORE THE FLOWS TO BOUQUET CREEK, PARTICULARLY A PLAN THAT
10 WOULD INCLUDE PROTECTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND INDIGENT
11 SPECIES.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT?

14

15 **GEORGE NUA:** HI, MY NAME IS GEORGE NUA. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER IN
16 BOUQUET CANYON. I MOVED THERE IN '09. SO ALL THESE
17 PARTICULARS, I'M NOT THAT FAMILIAR WITH. THE ONLY THING I AM
18 FAMILIAR WITH IS YOUR LOSS OF WATER THROUGH MY WELLS. I AM A
19 FAMILY OF SIX. RIGHT NOW WE CANNOT RUN OUR WATER FOR 20
20 MINUTES. WE CAN'T DRINK THE WATER. SOMETIMES IT'S SO MURKY
21 COMING OUT OF OUR FAUCETS, THAT'S JUST NOT POTABLE. SO I WOULD
22 REALLY APPRECIATE WHATEVER HELP YOU GUYS CAN GET TO GET THIS
23 RESOLVED. MY UNDERSTANDING IT IS A CREEK ISSUE AND THERE'S
24 SAFETY INVOLVED. THERE'S ALSO SAFETY ISSUE FOR MY FAMILY. WE
25 HAVE NO WATER TO PROTECT FROM WILDFIRES. WE HAVE NO STORM

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1 WATER PER SE. WE'RE ON A DIRECT SYSTEM. SO THIS IMPACTS MY
2 FAMILY HUGE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **JAMES YANNOTTA:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
7 JIM YANNOTTA, AND I'M THE MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES AQUEDUCT
8 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER. WE ARE FULLY IN SUPPORT
9 OF CLAIMING THIS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. THAT WOULD ALLOW THE
10 U.S. FOREST SERVICE, WORKING WITH L.A. COUNTY, TO MOVE FORWARD
11 TO BE ABLE TO SWIFTLY CLEAN OUT THE SEDIMENT IN BOUQUET CREEK
12 THAT HAS BUILT UP SINCE THE MID 2000S. WE FULLY WANT TO COMPLY
13 WITH OUR OBLIGATION TO RELEASE WATER INTO BOUQUET CREEK AS WAS
14 MENTIONED BY LINDA A FEW MINUTES AGO WITH UNITED WATER. THAT
15 WILL CERTAINLY HELP RECHARGE THE AQUIFER TO PROVIDE WATER TO
16 THE RESIDENTS SOUTH OF THIS AREA OF BOUQUET CREEK. BUT L.A --
17 AND I CERTAINLY, AS MANAGER OF THE AQUEDUCT, AM NOT GOING TO
18 RELEASE WATER IN AN AMOUNT THAT CAUSES OR POSES A SAFETY
19 HAZARD TO PEOPLE. IT WOULD BE BICYCLISTS, MOTORCYCLISTS, OF
20 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON BOUQUET CANYON ROAD UNTIL IT IS SAFE. SO
21 RIGHT NOW WE ARE RELEASING JUST A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF WATER.
22 HOPEFULLY VERY SOON WE COULD CLEAN OUT THE CREEK SO I COULD
23 RECHARGE, TO RESTORE THE FULL RELEASES INTO BOUQUET CREEK.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'D ASK KATHY STURKEY TO JOIN
2 US AND ARNOLD SACHS. MONICA?

3

4 **MONICA GILCHRIST:** MY NAME IS MONICA GILCHRIST. I AM A LIFETIME
5 RESIDENT OF BOUQUET CANYON ROAD. I LIVE NOW IN MY
6 GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE, THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN. I LIVE NEXT DOOR
7 TO MY PARENTS. MY FATHER'S TURNING 77 THIS WEEK. THEY ARE
8 RETIRED AND ON REDUCED INCOMES. WE ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION
9 OF LOSING WATER. WE LOST ONE OF OUR HOMES IN THE FIRES OF
10 2007. UPON REBUILDING THAT HOME, WE WERE REQUIRED BY THE
11 COUNTY TO SPEND OVER 30,000 DOLLARS ON A BRIDGE FOR THIS
12 STREAM WHICH NO LONGER RUNS. WHICH DEMONSTRATES TO ME THE
13 INTENT OF THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS WATER FLOW IN
14 THIS AREA. SO OUR FAMILY IS EXPERIENCING THE WATER SHORTAGE,
15 WHICH IS A FINANCIAL BURDEN TO BOTH MY OWN FAMILY, MY PARENTS'
16 FAMILY. WE ALSO ARE DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF THE HOME AND
17 REBUILDING. AND SO I ENCOURAGE ALL PARTIES THAT ARE ABLE TO
18 MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22 **KATHY STURKEY:** GOOD MORNING. I AM KATHY STURKEY, THE EXECUTIVE
23 DIRECTOR OF LARC RANCH AND THIS IS MY HUSBAND, CHARLES STURKEY
24 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS. TOGETHER WE SERVE LARC RANCH. LOS
25 ANGELES RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY LARC RANCH PROVIDES DAY PROGRAMS

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1 AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS.
2 LARC HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE 1959. IT IS ON 65 ACRES OF LAND IN
3 THE COUNTRYSIDE OF SAUGUS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. WE HAVE
4 CURRENTLY 13 HOMES ON THE PROPERTY AND 103 RESIDENTS. LARC IS
5 NOT ON CITY WATER. OUR WATER RESOURCES FROM THE AQUIFERS ARE
6 BELOW US, MOTHER NATURE AND THE WATER FROM THE BOUQUET DAM. AS
7 YOU KNOW, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT RESOURCE TO OUR RESIDENTS
8 AND OUR STAFF AS IT IS TO YOU IN YOUR HOMES. THIS YEAR WE
9 BEGAN TO SEE A LOWER YIELD OF WATER AND THAT IS OF GREAT
10 CONCERN. IN ADDITION LARC RANCH HAS A 300,000 WATER TANK. THIS
11 TANK IS THERE NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE AND HOLD WATER BUT ALSO TO
12 PROVIDE WATER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. IN 2007, LARC RANCH
13 WATER WAS USED TO SAVE OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR STRUCTURES DURING
14 THE BUCKWHEAT FIRE AND IT WAS ALSO USED TO PROVIDE WATER TO
15 SAVE STRUCTURES AND LIVES OF ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS UP AND DOWN
16 BOUQUET. SO LARC WATER IS A VITAL RESOURCE AND IT'S OF GREAT
17 IMPORTANCE. I APPEAL TO YOU TO VOTE YES ON THIS EMERGENCY
18 INITIATIVE, AND I THANK MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND HIS STAFF FOR
19 ALL OF THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. THANK YOU FOR HEARING
20 ME.

21
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
2 WITH AN OPINION. THESE THREE ITEMS THAT YOU ADDRESS IN YOUR
3 MOTION, I ALMOST AM POSITIVE, NOT 100, MY MEMORY FAILS ME, BUT
4 YOU HAD AN ITEM BEFORE YOU A COUPLE YEARS AGO THE SAME
5 SITUATION IN PASADENA. YOU HAD ONE OF THE FLOOD CONTROL
6 VALLEYS FILL UP WITH VEGETATION AND DIRT, SO MUCH SO THAT
7 PEOPLE COMPLAINED BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO GO IN AND BULLDOZE THE
8 GROWTH, THE TREE GROWTH THAT HAD SPRUNG FROM THE CONTINUED
9 RUNOFF. THAT WAS TWO, THREE YEARS AGO. SO I HAVE TO IMAGINE
10 THAT YOU COULD HAVE AN EMERGENCY THERE, WHY YOU COULDN'T HAVE
11 AN EMERGENCY HERE. AND WHY YOU WOULD TAKE SO OF LONGER TO
12 RECTIFY THIS SITUATION WHEN YOU HAD ON YOUR AGENDA AT A
13 PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING A COUPLE YEARS AGO, THREE YEARS AGO,
14 WHEN WAS THAT IN PASADENA? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU MIGHT
15 REMEMBER? LOAD OF CRAP.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU, BUT I DON'T
18 THINK THESE FOLKS NEED FOR YOU TO MAKE LIGHT OF THEIR
19 SITUATION. YES, YOU ARE. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
24 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU
25 ALL FOR COMING DOWN.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **CLERK, SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM NUMBER 15, THAT ITEM
5 WAS BEING HELD, BUT THE HOLD WAS RELEASED AND IT WILL BE
6 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 4TH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 14 WAS HELD BY
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THE -- I DON'T KNOW IF DR.
12 KATZ IS HERE OR WHO'S REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
13 SERVICES? COME FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 15 WAS CONTINUED ONE WE CAN IF
16 THERE'S ANYONE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE.

17

18 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** HI, CHRISTINA GALLI, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
19 STRATEGIC PLANNING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE, YOUR DEPARTMENT HAD
22 A BAD EXPERIENCE WITH _____ THE LAST TIME AROUND. I REALLY
23 WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU'RE GOING TO BE DOING DIFFERENTLY.
24 WHAT LESSONS WERE LEARNED FROM THE LAST EPISODE THAT HAVE BEEN
25 CORRECTED SO THAT WE'VE -- WE DON'T HAVE THOSE PROBLEMS AGAIN.

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1

2 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** YES, SIR. I THINK THERE'S THREE MAIN THINGS
3 THAT ARE DIFFERENT VERSUS THE LAST TIME. ONE IS THE SCOPE OF
4 THE PROJECT IS NARROWER. WE'RE FOCUSING SOLELY ON ELIGIBILITY
5 INTO THE HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS AND NOT BROADER SOCIAL SECTOR
6 PROGRAMS. THE SECOND THING IS THE PRODUCT ITSELF HAS BEEN
7 IMPROVED A GREAT DEAL OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE VENDOR
8 HAS PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO MAKING, REFINING SOME OF THE ERRORS
9 AND SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WITH THE PROGRAM SO IT'S A BETTER
10 PRODUCT. AND THIRD OUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IS I THINK MUCH
11 TIGHTER THAN IT WAS PREVIOUSLY. SO WE'VE WORKED VERY CLOSELY
12 WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE WE'VE DONE THIS HAND-
13 IN-HAND WITH THEM. WE PLAN A PILOT IN A COUPLE OF COMMUNITY
14 PARTNER SITES THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO EXAMINE THE RESULTS OF
15 THE PILOT, DO SOME TESTING AND MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE
16 ROLLOUT SCHEDULE AS NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE DO FULL
17 IMPLEMENTATION ACROSS THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, THAT IT'S A
18 PRODUCT THAT PEOPLE FEEL VERY CONFIDENT IN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY SECOND QUESTION
21 ABOUT COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THIS DEPARTMENT HAS A PATTERN OF NOT
22 ADEQUATELY ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. AND THEY'RE
23 UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE NOW BECAUSE THE BILLING SYSTEM IS
24 CHANGING AND THIS IS COMING ON BOARD. SO IT'S CRITICAL THAT
25 EVEN IF YOU'RE DOING A PILOT OR TWO IN A COUPLE OF LOCATIONS

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1 THAT YOU INTEGRATE AND ENGAGE ALL OF THE PARTNERS ACROSS THE
2 COUNTY SO THAT THEY CAN BE MADE AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON, SO
3 THAT THERE ARE NO SURPRISES. THEY CAN GIVE YOU THEIR FEEDBACK,
4 WHICH YOU MAY BE ABLE TO INTERNALIZE AND ACT UPON. BUT WHAT
5 DRIVES ME NUTS -- AND YOU KNOW I'M NOT THE TYPICAL CRITIC OF
6 THE DEPARTMENT FROM UP HERE, BUT WHAT DRIVES ME NUTS IS THESE
7 LAST-MINUTE, 11TH-HOUR PANIC ATTACKS WHICH SOMETIMES COMES
8 FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. SOMETIMES THEY'RE JUSTIFIED.
9 SOMETIMES THEY'RE OVERBLOWN. BUT IF HALF OF THEM ARE
10 JUSTIFIED, THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM. THEY COULD EASILY BE
11 ADDRESSED BY HAVING ONGOING OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION. I
12 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE REASON IS THAT THERE IS A RETICENCE TO DO
13 THAT. WHETHER IT'S A RESOURCE ISSUE OR WHETHER IT'S
14 INTENTIONAL. BUT AS YOU IMPLEMENT THIS, IT'S CRITICAL THAT YOU
15 HAVE AN ONGOING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS FROM
16 ONE END OF THE COUNTY TO THE OTHER EVEN AS YOU DO THE PILOT
17 PROGRAM SO THAT THEY CAN ALL SEE THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE
18 UGLY OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER WHEN YOU
19 TRY TO ROLL IT OUT COUNTY-WIDE.

20

21 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** YES, SIR. I THINK IT'S A POINT WELL TAKEN.
22 THERE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGES IN THE PAST ON ROLLING OUT SIMILAR
23 PROGRAMS. AND I THINK WE'VE LEARNED OUR LESSONS AND LEARNED
24 FROM OUR MISTAKES AND WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO ENGAGE OF MORE
25 COMPREHENSIVELY AND CONTINUOUSLY THROUGH THEM THROUGHOUT THIS

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1 ROLLOUT OF 1-EF AND THE NEW HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM. I FULLY
2 AGREE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WHAT IS THE TARGET POPULATION
9 FOR THE ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM?

10

11 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** IT'S THE RESIDUALLY UNINSURED IN L.A. COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT PROGRAMS WOULD THIS POPULATION BE
14 ELIGIBLE FOR?

15

16 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THE POPULATION WILL BE SCREENED USING 1-EF
17 FOR ELIGABILITY INTO MEDI-CAL OR THE HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM AND
18 THOSE WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THOSE PUBLIC SECTOR PROGRAMS
19 WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE
22 HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM?

23

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1 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** IT'S INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT LESS THAN 138
2 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR
3 PUBLIC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM ONLY COVERS
6 SERVICES WITHIN THE L.A. COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM. IS THE SCOPE OF
7 YOUR SERVICES OR CONDITIONS TREATED UNDER THE PROGRAM LIMITED
8 IN ANY WAY? OR ARE THESE SERVICES THE SAME AS THOSE PROVIDED
9 UNDER MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE?

10

11 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THEY'RE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED UNDER
12 MEDI-CAL AND COVERING PREVENTIVE CARE, SPECIALTY CARE AND
13 ACUTE CARE. IT DOESN'T COVER LONG TERM CARE SUCH AS NURSING
14 HOME CARE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS LONG TERM CARE?

17

18 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** GENERALLY THE PROGRAM COVERAGE IS SIMILAR,
19 YES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ELIGIBILITY IS NO DIFFERENT?

22

23 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** ELIGIBILITY IS SIMILAR IN THAT IT'S
24 INDIVIDUALS 138 PERCENT UNDER THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
2 IMPLEMENTING IN THIS PROGRAM?

3

4 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** WE WILL LOOK AT A NUMBER OF METRICS INCLUDING
5 UTILIZATION METRICS, MAKING SURE THAT PATIENTS WHO ARE
6 ASSIGNED TO THEIR MEDICAL HOME IN THE COMMUNITY PARTNER SYSTEM
7 HAVE A PATTERN OF UTILIZATION THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH THAT
8 MEDICAL HOME ASSIGNMENT AND ALSO INSURING THEIR UTILIZATION
9 WITHIN OUR SYSTEM IS RATIONAL AND EFFICIENT SO THAT WE CAN
10 HELP REDUCE COSTS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WILL THIS MANAGED CARE ACCESS PROGRAM
13 RESULT IN INCREASED DEMAND FOR SERVICES AND COSTS OF CARE FOR
14 THE POPULATION?

15

16 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THIS PROGRAM I THINK WILL GO A LONG WAY TO
17 REDUCING THE TOTAL COST OF CARE FOR TAKING CARE OF THE PATIENT
18 POPULATION BECAUSE IT CAN HELP MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE REDUCING
19 DUPLICATION OF SERVICES, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ONE OF THE
20 CHALLENGES. SO IN THAT SENSE IT'S AN OVERALL MORE EFFICIENT
21 PROGRAM.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT QUALITY PERFORMANCE MEASURES WOULD
24 YOU PUT IN PLACE TO DETERMINE IF COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE

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1 COMPLYING WITH THE SERVICE EXPECTATIONS UNDER THE
2 REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM?

3

4 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** WELL, WE'LL LOOK AT THE UTILIZATION METRICS
5 FOR THE POPULATION ITSELF. WE'LL LOOK AT WHERE THEY USED CARE
6 IN THE COMMUNITY PARTNER SYSTEM AND ALSO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOT
7 DUPLICATION SO THEY ARE NOT USING A MEDICAL HOME IN ONE
8 COMMUNITY PARTNER AND THEN IN ANOTHER COMMUNITY PARTNER AND
9 THEN POTENTIALLY IN A D.H.S. SITE. WE DON'T WANT THAT TO
10 HAPPEN. AND THEN WE'LL ALSO USE SURVEYS OF PROVIDERS AND
11 PATIENTS ALIKE TO ASSESS FOR DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE
12 PROGRAM'S SUCCESS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT TYPE OF REPORTINGS WOULD YOU MAKE --
15 WOULD YOU BE MAKING TO THE BOARD?

16

17 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** WE WILL PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES AT A
18 FREQUENCY TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD SO THAT WE CAN GIVE
19 REGULAR UPDATES ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND CURRENTLY THIS POPULATION HAS NO ACCESS
22 TO COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES?

23

24 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** CURRENTLY THIS PROGRAM DOES HAVE ACCESS TO
25 COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES. THEY UTILIZE CARE WITHIN THE

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1 COMMUNITY PARTNER SYSTEM UNDER THE CURRENT HEALTHY WAY L.A.
2 PROGRAM WHICH EXPIRES IN SEPTEMBER 2014 AND THEN UTILIZES
3 SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. BUT THIS
4 NEW PROGRAM WILL BE THE SUCCESSOR TO THAT PROGRAM IN THE
5 COMMUNITY PARTNER SYSTEM AND WILL HELP TO RATIONALIZE THEIR
6 CARE THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IN NO WAY IS THE CRITERIA DIFFERENT FROM
9 ANY OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAM?

10

11 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** IT'S VERY SIMILAR IN TERMS OF WHAT'S PROVIDED
12 IN TERMS OF COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO PREVENTATIVE PRIMARY CARE,
13 SPECIALTY CARE, E.D. AND ACUTE CARE SERVICES, YES. AND THEN
14 PHARMACY AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE IN CRITERIA FOR
17 ELIGIBILITY.

18

19 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** NOT ON THE BASIS OF INCOME. THE ONE PROGRAM
20 IS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL AND
21 THEN THE NEW HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM WILL BE FOR THOSE
22 INDIVIDUALS OF THE SAME INCOME CUTOFF BUT WHO AREN'T ELIGIBLE
23 FOR MEDI-CAL.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. WHAT
2 IS YOUR PLEASURE? PARDON ME? ALL RIGHT. OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED
3 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ANY
4 OBJECTIONS? RECORD MR. ANTONOVICH A NO VOTE. SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NUMBER 20 IS BEFORE US. DO WE HAVE
9 A STAFF PRESENTATION?

10

11 **JERRY POWERS:** GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN, JERRY POWERS YOUR
12 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER HERE TO RESPOND TO YOUR BOARD MOTION
13 OF LAST WEEK. BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION, BEFORE WE GET INTO THE
14 MEAT OF THIS, I'M GOING TO USE SOME PHRASES AND WE'RE GOING TO
15 KIND OF WALK YOU THROUGH SOME INFORMATION YOU'VE PREVIOUSLY
16 BEEN GIVEN. YOU'LL GET SOME NEW INFORMATION. BUT PERIODICALLY
17 I'M GOING TO REFER TO A TERM CALLED, WE CALL "BEST PRACTICES."
18 UNFORTUNATELY, THAT TERM'S NOT GOING TO BE USED TO DESCRIBE
19 OUR PRACTICES, OUR CURRENT AND PREVIOUS PRACTICES OR, FRANKLY,
20 THE SERVICES FROM OUR VENDOR. I GUESS WHAT I WOULD SAY IS THIS
21 IS A BLUEPRINT OF NOT HOW -- OF HOW TO NOT IMPLEMENT A G.P.S.
22 PROGRAM. I FIRST BECAME FAMILIAR WITH G.P.S. BACK ABOUT SIX OR
23 SEVEN YEARS AGO WHEN THEN GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER APPOINTED ME
24 TO THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR TASKFORCE. WE HAD A LOT OF
25 DISCUSSIONS ABOUT G.P.S. MONITORING. AND NOW OVER THE LAST SIX

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1 OR SEVEN YEARS I'VE BEEN A PART OF THE STATE SEX OFFENDER
2 MANAGEMENT BOARD. AND OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION
3 ABOUT G.P.S. PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO MONITORING OF SEX
4 OFFENDERS. SO I'M FAIRLY FAMILIAR WITH THE STATE OF G.P.S.
5 MONITORING, THE ART OF G.P.S. MONITORING. AND THE REQUIREMENTS
6 OF G.P.S. MONITORING, FRANKLY. LET ME FIRST SAY THAT WITH
7 RESPECT TO THE ARTICLE IN THE TIMES AND SOME OF THE
8 INFORMATION THAT'S BEEN OUT THERE, IN THIS IS NOT A PROBATION
9 OFFICER PROBLEM. THIS IS NOT A D.P.O. STAFF PROBLEM THAT WE'RE
10 GOING TO REPORT TO YOU TODAY. THIS IS A PROBLEM RELATED TO
11 PROBATION'S OVERSIGHT OF THE VENDOR AND THE CONTRACT. THIS IS
12 A PROBLEM RELATED TO PROBATION'S IMPLEMENTATION OF WHAT WAS
13 THEN A NEW TECHNOLOGY. AND, FRANKLY, OUR FAILURE TO MODIFY OUR
14 PRACTICES AS BEST PRACTICES WERE IDENTIFIED. SO WITH THAT,
15 WE'LL GET STARTED ON OUR POWERPOINT. WE'RE PROVIDING YOU WITH
16 A TIMELINE OF WHAT HAS OCCURRED SINCE WE INITIALLY ASKED THE
17 QUESTIONS. THIS CONTRACTOR, THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN PLACE
18 SINCE LATE 2008/EARLY 2009 WITH THE CURRENT VENDOR AND WITH
19 THE CURRENT TECHNOLOGY THAT PROBATION UTILIZES. IN MAY/EARLY
20 JUNE OF 2013, ACTUALLY IN MAY OF 2013, THERE WAS SOME
21 QUESTIONS ASKED BY YOUR BOARD. THERE WERE SOME ISSUES AT THE
22 STATE LEVEL WITH RESPECT TO G.P.S.. AND I DIRECTED STAFF TO
23 LOOK AT OUR G.P.S. PROGRAM. I HAD QUESTIONS. I HADN'T LOOKED
24 AT IT SINCE I BECAME CHIEF. AND I HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
25 STATUS OF OUR G.P.S. PROGRAM. SO I ASKED STAFF TO LOOK AT IT,

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1 DO A REVIEW AND SEE WHERE WE WERE AT WITH IT. WE BEGAN THAT IN
2 MAY AND JUNE OF 2013. WE STARTED LOOKING AT THE CONTRACT. IN
3 JULY OF 2013, WE DISCOVERED SOME ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO OUR
4 REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT. OR OUR INITIAL REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT.
5 AND THEN IN AUGUST OF 2013, OF SIGNIFICANCE WAS AN ISSUE WITH
6 THE SAME VENDOR THAT ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION HAD DISCOVERED
7 THAT BROUGHT THIS TO THE FOREFRONT FOR US, AS WELL. WE HAD
8 CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAME TYPES OF GAPS IN THE VENDOR'S SERVICES
9 TO US, ALTHOUGH OUR PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT ORANGE
10 COUNTY HAD. THE QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO EQUIPMENT, THE
11 QUALITY OF THE EQUIPMENT, THE TIMELINESS AND THINGS WERE
12 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT ORANGE COUNTY WAS SEEING. THIS WAS THE
13 ARTICLE THAT KIND OF BROUGHT THIS TO EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION.
14 ADDITIONALLY, WE HAD HAD SOME QUESTIONS RELAYED TO US ABOUT
15 BILLING PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO THE VENDOR FROM SOME EAST
16 COAST ISSUES WHERE THE VENDOR PROVIDED SERVICES, AS WELL. SO
17 IT WAS PRETTY CLEAR THAT WE NEEDED TO TAKE A OF DEEPER DIVE
18 INTO THIS, NOT ONLY TO LOOK AT THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH
19 THE VENDOR, THE TYPES OF SERVICES WE WERE GETTING, THE TYPES
20 OF EQUIPMENT, BUT ALSO OUR OWN INTERNAL PRACTICES AS TO HOW WE
21 WERE DEPLOYING THE EQUIPMENT AND WHAT WE WERE DOING. FAST
22 FORWARD TO NOVEMBER. YOUR BOARD MADE A MOTION REQUIRING US TO
23 COME BACK WITH A REVIEW OF THE OFFENDER-PAID CONTRACT AT 30,
24 60 AND THEN 90 DAYS WITH A REVIEW OF THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE
25 OF THE VENDOR. WE'VE PROVIDED YOUR BOARD WITH A 30 AND 60-DAY

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1 REPORT. OUR 90-DAY REPORT IS DUE TOMORROW. WE WILL PROVIDE
2 THAT REPORT, AS WELL. I WILL TELL YOU THAT MUCH OF THE
3 INFORMATION THAT'S CONTAINED IN MY PRESENTATION TODAY HAS BEEN
4 GIVEN TO YOU IN THE 30 AND 60-DAY REPORT, AND THE INFORMATION
5 THAT YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO GET TODAY WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN
6 THE 90-DAY REPORT, AS WELL. YOU'LL SEE WE PROVIDED THE FIRST
7 REPORT IN DECEMBER OF 2013, DECEMBER 23RD. JANUARY 29TH WE
8 GAVE YOU THE SECOND REPORT AND THE THIRD, 90-DAY REPORT WILL
9 BE PROVIDED TO YOU TOMORROW AS REQUESTED. IN MARCH, ON MARCH
10 1ST, THE THIRD 30-DAY REPORT ON THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO BE
11 PROVIDED TO YOU. THIS CAME TO THE FOREFRONT FOR THE PUBLIC'S
12 CONSUMPTION BASED ON THIS ARTICLE IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES
13 TALKING ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT AND, FRANKLY, OVERWHELMING
14 NUMBER OF ALERTS THAT THE PROBATION OFFICERS WERE RECEIVING IN
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON G.P.S. MONITORING. THE NUMBER WAS PEGGED
16 SOMEWHERE AROUND 20,000. AND THAT'S WHY I GO BACK TO SAY THAT
17 THIS IS NOT ABOUT DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS' PERFORMANCE. THIS
18 IS NOT ABOUT POOR PERFORMANCE BECAUSE, FRANKLY, 20,000 ALERTS
19 ARE OVERWHELMING REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY PROBATION OFFICERS YOU
20 HAVE. THE PROSPECT OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH 20,000 ALERTS IS
21 OVERWHELMING. SO PART OF THE PRESENTATION I'D JUST LIKE TO
22 QUICKLY GO OVER THE TYPES OF CONTRACTS, THE TYPES OF SERVICES
23 THAT WE HAVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF
24 ELECTRONIC MONITORING TECHNOLOGY. THE FIRST THAT WE'RE GOING
25 TO DISCUSS MOSTLY TODAY IS THE G.P.S. TECHNOLOGY. THAT'S WHAT

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1 YOU HEAR THE MOST ABOUT IN THE NEWS. THAT'S WHAT YOU HEAR
2 ABOUT MONITORING OF SEX OFFENDERS. AND WHEN THEY GO THROUGH
3 ZONES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. IT'S THE SAME TECHNOLOGY THAT YOU
4 USE IN YOUR CAR FOR YOUR NAVIGATION SYSTEM. THE SECOND TYPE OF
5 TECHNOLOGY IS THE CELLULAR TOWER TRIANGULATION. AND, FRANKLY,
6 WHAT THAT IS IS YOU BOUNCE SIGNALS OFF OF THREE CELL TOWERS,
7 AND THE WAY THOSE SIGNALS ARE TRIANGULATED IN YOUR CELL PHONE
8 GIVES AN INDICATION OF WHERE YOU ARE. SO WHEN YOU USE
9 SOMETHING, A G.P.S. PROGRAM IN YOUR CELL PHONE, YOU'RE
10 PROBABLY USING CELLULAR TOWER TRIANGULATION. THAT'S A
11 MOUTHFUL. THE THIRD AND, FRANKLY, THE LONGEST RUNNING
12 TECHNOLOGY FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS WHAT'S CALLED RADIO
13 FREQUENCY TECHNOLOGY. AND THAT'S THE OLDER SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS
14 YOU TO ESTABLISH A ZONE AROUND A RESIDENCE OR SOMETHING. AND
15 THE ANKLE BRACELET WILL PROVIDE A LINK TO A MONITOR, A BASE
16 STATION. AND THE WAY THE RADIO FREQUENCY WORKS IS THAT
17 PROVIDES A LINK TO THE BASE STATION. AND IF YOU GO TOO FAR
18 AWAY FROM THE BASE STATION, IT NOTIFIES THE CENTRAL CONTROL
19 THAT YOU'VE LEFT THAT AREA. IT'S NOT A G.P.S. SYSTEM IN THAT
20 IT DOESN'T SAY WHERE YOU'RE AT. IT JUST SAYS YOU'RE 50 FEET,
21 100 FEET, OR 150 FEET AWAY FROM A BASE STATION. THERE'S TWO
22 TYPES OF THAT FIRST G.P.S. TECHNOLOGY THAT YOU DEAL WITH. THE
23 FIRST IS THE ACTIVE. AND BASICALLY WHAT THAT MEANS IS IT MAKES
24 A PHONE CALL FAIRLY QUICKLY EVERY 30 SECONDS, EVERY MINUTE TO
25 TELL YOUR G.P.S. LOCATION TO THE CENTRAL STATION. THAT'S

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1 CONSIDERED ACTIVE MONITORING. PASSIVE MONITORING IS A SLOWER
2 VERSION. WHAT PASSIVE MONITORING MEANS IS THAT IT MAY ONLY
3 REPORT YOUR LOCATION, YOUR G.P.S. LOCATION EVERY FIVE MINUTES
4 OR EVERY 10 MINUTES. SO IF WE WERE TO LOOK AT A SCREEN, A MAP,
5 TO SEE WHERE YOU WERE, YOU WOULD SEE BIG GAPS BETWEEN THOSE
6 DOTS AS YOU MOVED, IF YOU DROVE DOWN THE 5 OR SOMETHING, YOU
7 MIGHT SEE A DOT EVERY 10 MINUTES THAT MIGHT BE EVERY 10 MILES
8 DOWN THE 5 ON A PASSIVE SYSTEM WHEREAS AN ACTIVE SYSTEM, YOU
9 WOULD SEE OF CLOSER DOTS. THE TYPES OF ALERTS, AND BY ALERTS
10 THESE ARE THAT 20,000 ALERTS THAT YOU HEARD ABOUT IN THE L.A.
11 TIMES ARTICLE. THESE ARE THE TYPES OF ALERTS THAT THE
12 EQUIPMENT PROVIDES, THE G.P.S. EQUIPMENT PROVIDES. THE FIRST
13 AND PROBABLY MOST FREQUENT FOR MANY OFFENDERS IS THE LOW
14 BATTERY ALERT. IT SIMPLY TELLS THE HOME STATION AND TELLS THE
15 OFFENDER THAT THEIR BATTERY'S LOW. THEY NEED TO RECHARGE. YOU
16 HAVE EXCLUSION OR INCLUSION ALERTS. THAT ALLOWS US TO DRAW A
17 CIRCLE AROUND A RESIDENCE OR SOMETHING AND IT WILL TELL US IF
18 THE OFFENDER GOES INSIDE IT, IF THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.
19 OR IT WILL TELL US IF THE OFFENDER GOES OUTSIDE THAT ZONE. A
20 STRAP ALERT TELLS US EXACTLY THAT, IF SOMEBODY IS TRYING TO
21 DEFEAT THE STRAP OR THE SYSTEM, IT WILL TELL US THAT THEY'VE
22 TRIED TO DO THAT. METALLIC SHIELDING MEANS IF SOMEBODY TRIES
23 TO PUT SOME ALUMINUM FOIL OVER THE TOP OF THE TRANSMITTER, IT
24 WILL TELL US THAT. NO G.P.S. SIGNAL TELLS US THAT PERSON HAS
25 GONE SOMEWHERE WHERE G.P.S. IS NOT AVAILABLE. AND THE NO CELL

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1 SIGNAL IS THE SAME THING. IT WILL SAY THAT THERE'S NO CELL
2 SIGNAL AVAILABLE FOR THAT. THERE MAY BE A G.P.S. SIGNAL AND NO
3 CELL OR THERE MAY BE A CELL SIGNAL AND NO G.P.S. SIGNAL. NOT
4 ALL ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES OR COMPANIES OFFER THE SAME
5 TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE SAME MANNER. THERE ARE HARDWARE
6 DIFFERENCES. THERE ARE SOFTWARE DIFFERENCES. AND THERE ARE
7 PROGRAM COMPONENT DIFFERENCES. THIS OUTLINES THE DIFFERENCES
8 THAT VARIOUS COMPANIES OFFER, FROM SHIELDING DETECTION,
9 CELLULAR TRIANGULATION. AND WHERE CELLULAR TRIANGULATION, JUST
10 TO GET INTO THIS A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL IS IF I WERE TO GO
11 INTO A BUILDING LIKE THIS, THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE SKY. SO
12 WE WOULDN'T HAVE A G.P.S. SIGNAL AVAILABLE TO US IN HERE. BUT
13 WE DO HAVE A CELLULAR SIGNAL AVAILABLE TO US. SO THE
14 TECHNOLOGY WOULD ALLOW IT TO TRANSFER OVER TO A CELL
15 TRIANGULATION VERSUS G.P.S. BY USING THE CELLULAR COMPONENT TO
16 TRACK US. THE CELLULAR TRIANGULATION IS NOT AS ACCURATE AS
17 G.P.S.. CELLULAR IS GOOD WITHIN ABOUT 50 METERS OR SO. G.P.S.
18 CAN GET DOWN TO ABOUT 5 METERS. SO THE PREFERENCE OBVIOUSLY IS
19 G.P.S. BUT CELL IS EFFECTIVE INDOORS. THE SOFTWARE THAT YOU
20 WANT TO LOOK FOR IN A G.P.S. PROGRAM, YOU WANT TO HAVE THE
21 ABILITY TO EASILY ACCESS A WEBSITE SO YOU CAN GO AND YOU CAN
22 LOOK AT THE TRACKS OF THE OFFENDERS. YOU WANT TO HAVE THE
23 ABILITY TO DRAW ZONES AROUND WHERE THE OFFENDER CAN BE OR
24 CAN'T BE. YOU WANT TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S USER FRIENDLY THAT
25 YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN I.T. TECHNICAL PERSON TO DO. YOU WANT

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1 TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE OFFENDER'S STATUS FROM ACTIVE TO
2 PASSIVE OR PASSIVE TO ACTIVE. YOU WANT A USER-FRIENDLY SITE.
3 AND PROGRAM COMPONENTS. YOU WANT MONITORING CENTERS FROM THE
4 VENDOR. YOU WANT THE VENDOR TO TAKE CARE OF THE LOWER LEVEL
5 ISSUES. AND THE PROBATION OFFICER TO TAKE CARE OF THE HIGHER
6 ISSUES, SUCH AS A BATTERY. A LOW BATTERY, DOES A PROBATION
7 OFFICER REALLY NEED TO DEAL WITH THAT? OR DOES THE MONITORING
8 CENTER SIMPLY NEED TO SEND THE ALERT TO THE OFFENDER AND TELL
9 THEM TO PLUG IN? THE OTHER PROGRAM COMPONENTS, FRANKLY WERE
10 WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS A LITTLE BIT MORE IN DEPTH OR INTERNAL
11 POLICIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND DEPARTMENTAL OVERSIGHT AND
12 MANAGEMENT. OUR ELECTRONIC MONITORING CONTRACTS, WE HAVE THREE
13 OF THEM WITH SENTINEL SERVICES. YOU'RE AWARE OF THAT BASED ON
14 YOUR BOARD MOTIONS AND OUR REPORTS BACK TO YOU. WE HAVE THE
15 G.P.S. CONTRACT WHICH EXPIRES IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. WE HAVE
16 THE OFFENDER-PAID CONTRACT WHICH IS A PRETRIAL PROGRAM FOR
17 OFFENDERS WHO VOLUNTEER OR ARE ORDERED BY THE COURT TO
18 PARTICIPATE THAT HAS ABOUT 100. NOT ALL OF THEM PROBATIONERS.
19 BUT SOME PROBATIONERS. SOME PRESENTENCE NONPROBATIONERS. AND
20 THEN WE HAVE IN OUR JUVENILE HOME DETENTION CONTRACT WHICH IS
21 FOR THOSE KIDS THAT ARE RELEASED FROM JUVENILE HALL AND PLACED
22 ON WHAT WE CALL HOUSE ARREST OR HOME DETENTION. YOU CAN SEE WE
23 HAVE 500 ON THE HOUSE ARREST PROGRAM. WE HAVE ABOUT 300 ON THE
24 G.P.S. CONTRACT. A VAST MAJORITY ARE A.B.109 FOLKS. I WILL SAY
25 JUST FOR CLARIFICATION THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF INDIVIDUALS

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1 ON G.P.S. ON THE ADULT SIDE ARE NOT ON G.P.S. IN LIEU OF
2 CUSTODY. THIS IS OUR CONTRACT REVIEW. A SUMMARY OF WHERE WE'RE
3 AT IN REVIEWING THE VENDOR'S CONTRACT. IN SEPTEMBER AND
4 OCTOBER, WE WENT AND PULLED 196 RANDOM G.P.S. CASES TO REVIEW
5 THE PERFORMANCE AND THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT. WE
6 FOUND ISSUES AROUND EQUIPMENT FAILURE. THEY WEREN'T PROVIDING
7 THE MONITORING SERVICE THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE. WE
8 FOUND THAT OFFENDERS WERE BEING PLACED INTO INACTIVE STATUS
9 WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH PROBATION. AND WE FOUND THAT THEY
10 WEREN'T COMPLYING WITH THE HOOKUP REQUIREMENTS OF PLACING
11 OFFENDERS' EQUIPMENT ON THEM WITHIN 24 HOURS. WE NOTIFIED
12 THEM. WE WORKED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. AND WE NOTIFIED THEM WITH
13 A FORMAL CONTRACT DISCREPANCY REPORT IN NOVEMBER. THEY
14 PROVIDED US A WRITTEN RESPONSE THE END OF NOVEMBER, INCLUDING
15 A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. IN DECEMBER WE RESPONDED TO THEIR
16 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN WITH SOME RESPONSE SUGGESTIONS, ORDERS.
17 IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY, THEY MOVED FORWARD WITH COMING INTO
18 COMPLIANCE OR ATTEMPTING TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE
19 CONTRACT. THAT INCLUDED EXCHANGING OUT OLD EQUIPMENT FOR BRAND
20 NEW EQUIPMENT WHICH INCLUDED THE ABILITY TO TRIANGULATE THESE
21 OFFENDERS THROUGH THE CELLULAR TRIANGULATION WHICH THE
22 EQUIPMENT TODAY PREVIOUSLY HAD PROVIDED DID NOT HAVE THAT
23 CAPABILITY. WE HAD ISSUES WITH BATTERY CHARGERS AND BATTERY
24 LIFE. THEY CHANGED THE BATTERY CHARGERS, GAVE US BETTER
25 BATTERIES. THEY ADDED PERSONNEL TO THEIR MONITORING CENTERS TO

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1 STAY ON TOP OF THE OFFENDER ALERTS. AND THEY ASSIGNED
2 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT TO THEIR HOOKUP
3 LOCATION SO THAT OFFENDERS COULD BE PLACED ONTO THE EQUIPMENT
4 WITHIN THE 24 HOURS AS REQUIRED BY THEIR CONTRACT. THEY HAVE
5 ALSO NOTIFIED US OF THESE RESPONSES TO THE DISCREPANCY
6 NOTIFICATION WE SENT TO THEM. BY THE MIDDLE OF MARCH, WE WILL
7 HAVE CONFIRMED WHETHER IN FACT THIS HAS ACTUALLY HAPPENED
8 THROUGH OUR AUDITS. AND WE WILL NOTIFY THEM BY MARCH 15TH OF
9 WHETHER THEY HAVE REMEDIED THE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE ISSUES. I
10 TALKED ABOUT THE COMPLIANCE ISSUES AND WHAT THEY'VE DONE. THIS
11 IS ESSENTIALLY A SUMMARY OF THOSE STEPS. NEXT SLIDE. PURSUANT
12 TO YOUR NOVEMBER BOARD MOTION, WE HAVE ALSO INITIATED THE
13 REVIEW OF THEIR CONTRACT WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFENDER-PAID
14 PROGRAM, WHICH IS THAT PRETRIAL PROGRAM I POINTED OUT, THE
15 SECOND ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM. THERE IS THE RESPONSE.
16 WE FOUND ESSENTIALLY THE SAME COMPLIANCE ISSUES ON THAT
17 CONTRACT REVIEW. OR WE'RE FINDING THE SAME COMPLIANCE ISSUES
18 IN THAT. AND WE WILL HAVE THE SAME DISCUSSION UTILIZING COUNTY
19 COUNSEL'S SUGGESTED PROCESS TO BRING THAT CONTRACT INTO
20 COMPLIANCE, AS WELL. NEXT SLIDE. THE JUVENILE HOME DETENTION
21 CONTRACT REVIEW IS UNDERWAY. WE'RE NOT AS FAR ALONG WITH THAT
22 ONE. WE WILL BE ISSUING A CORRECTIVE DISCREPANCY REPORT, IF
23 APPROPRIATE. AS I SAID, THE ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM FOR
24 THE JUVENILE HOME DETENTION USES MUCH OLDER TECHNOLOGY, MUCH
25 LESS SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY. SO WE MAY NOT HAVE AS MANY

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1 DISCREPANCIES IN THIS PROGRAM AS IN THE G.P.S. PROGRAMS
2 PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. OUR INTERNAL OPERATIONAL ISSUES. AND
3 THIS IS REALLY WHERE I THINK WE HAVE TO SPEND SOME TIME TAKING
4 OUR LUMPS, FRANKLY. IN REVIEWING HOW PROBATION IMPLEMENTED AND
5 HOW WE OPERATED THE PROGRAM, IT WAS VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT IT
6 WAS NOT A BEST PRACTICE, WASN'T CLOSE TO A BEST PRACTICE.
7 ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE DID, WE DIDN'T HAVE QUALITY POLICIES THAT
8 GOVERNED HOW PEOPLE WERE PUT ON G.P.S. OR WHICH PEOPLE WERE
9 PUT ON G.P.S.. WE DIDN'T PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TRAINING FOR
10 STAFF. WE DIDN'T GIVE THEM -- WE DIDN'T HAVE THE VENDOR COME
11 IN AND EXPLAIN THEIR CAPABILITIES TO THE STAFF, WHICH DIDN'T
12 ALLOW STAFF TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE VENDOR'S WEBSITE SO THAT
13 THEY COULD GO AND CLEAR THESE ALERTS. SO WHEN YOU SEE A
14 HEADLINE THAT SAYS "20,000 ALERTS," ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE
15 ALERTS ARE SIMPLY ROLLOVER ALERTS BECAUSE THE OFFENDER HAD --
16 BECAUSE THEY HADN'T BEEN CLEARED BY STAFF IN SOME INSTANCES
17 BECAUSE STAFF DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO CLEAR THEM. AND THESE ALERTS
18 WERE MAINLY ALERTS FOR THINGS LIKE LOW BATTERY OR FOR GOING
19 THROUGH EXCLUSION ZONES. AND I NEED TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT
20 OF AN IDEA OF WHAT THOSE EXCLUSION ZONES AND HOW THAT
21 HAPPENED. WHEN THIS CONTRACT WAS PUT IN PLACE BACK IN
22 2008/2009, THE VENDOR ESSENTIALLY OVERLAID ACROSS LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY EVERY SCHOOL AND EVERY PARK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 BECAME AN EXCLUSION ZONE. EXCLUSION ZONES ARE PRIMARILY
25 UTILIZED ON SEX OFFENDERS, NOT ON REGULAR PROBATIONERS. AND

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1 SOME OF THOSE EXCLUSION ZONES ARE BASED ON STATE LAW AND
2 MANDATE EXCEPT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND SO YOU HAVE
3 ESSENTIALLY AN ENTIRE COUNTY WITH THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND
4 PARKS THAT WE HAVE, SO WHEN ANY OFFENDER WHO IS ON G.P.S. GETS
5 ON THE BLUE LINE OR DRIVES TO WORK EVERY MORNING, THEY MAY
6 DRIVE PAST 10 SCHOOLS AND 10 PARKS AND CREATE 20 ALERTS FOR
7 US. AND THEN YOU HAVE STAFF WHO AREN'T ABLE TO CLEAR THOSE
8 ALERTS AND THEY GET BACK IN THE CAR AND THEY DROVE HOME AND IT
9 CREATES 20 MORE ALERTS. WELL WHAT HAPPENS IS THOSE ALERTS ROLL
10 OVER BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CLEARED SO YOU HAVE THIS
11 SNOWBALL EFFECT. WELL, IF WE HAD DONE THIS IN A BEST PRACTICE
12 WAY, OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD HAVE TRAINED STAFF TO CLEAR THOSE
13 ALERTS. BUT, FRANKLY, FIRST THING WE WOULD HAVE DONE IS NOT
14 ALLOWED THE VENDOR TO ESSENTIALLY MAKE THE ENTIRE COUNTY AN
15 EXCLUSION ZONE. AND THAT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED A LOT OF THE
16 ALERTS IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO WE DIDN'T DO THAT. WE DIDN'T
17 TRAIN STAFF ON HOW TO DO, HOW TO CLEAR. WE DIDN'T TRAIN ALL
18 THE STAFF ON HOW TO CLEAR THE STAFF ON THOSE ALERTS. SO WE GET
19 THIS SNOWBALL EFFECT. WHAT ALSO WAS HAPPENING WAS WE WERE
20 GETTING ALL OF THESE ALERTS WERE BEING PROVIDED TO THE
21 PROBATION OFFICERS WHO HAD INDIVIDUALS ON G.P.S., BUT THEY
22 WEREN'T SPECIFIC TO THAT PROBATION OFFICER. SO THEY WERE
23 GETTING ALL THE ALERTS FOR ALL THE GUYS ON G.P.S. SO IT WAS
24 VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO DISCERN THE ALERTS FOR THEIR
25 INDIVIDUALS ON G.P.S. THE OTHER PART OF THIS, FRANKLY AND THIS

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1 REALLY GOES TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER IS WE HAVE
2 APPROXIMATELY 37 PROBATION OFFICERS OVERSEEING ABOUT 300 TO
3 350 G.P.S. INDIVIDUALS. THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN APPROPRIATE OR A
4 FAIRLY APPROPRIATE NUMBER. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL THAT THOSE STAFF
5 WERE SUPERVISING. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WERE SCATTERED ACROSS ALL
6 OF THE ADULT CASELOADS IN THE A.B.109 PROGRAM AND ELSEWHERE IN
7 THE DEPARTMENT. WELL, A BEST PRACTICE AND A VERY SOLID AND
8 PROVEN PRACTICE AND NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF CORRECTIONS,
9 PAROLE, EVERYONE AGREES THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE CASELOADS THAT
10 ARE SPECIFIC TO G.P.S. OFFENDERS. AND THE AVERAGE CASELOAD
11 SIZE SHOULD BE ABOUT 20 TO 1. BUT IF YOU CAN'T EXPECT THAT A
12 PROBATION OFFICER WHO'S ALSO SUPERVISING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
13 CASES OR GANG CASES OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE TO BE AN
14 EXPERT ON G.P.S. AND AN EXPERT ON GANGS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.
15 YOU HAVE TO TRAIN A PROBATION OFFICER TO BE A G.P.S. EXPERT.
16 AND WE DIDN'T DO THAT. WE DIDN'T CONSTITUTE CASELOADS THAT
17 WERE STRICTLY G.P.S. CASELOADS. WELL, IF WE'VE GOT 350 OR SO
18 INDIVIDUALS ON G.P.S. MONITORING AT A 20 TO 1 WHICH IS WHAT
19 THE STATE USED, 20 TO 1 RATIO, THAT'S ONLY ABOUT 17 OR 18
20 PROBATION OFFICERS THAT SHOULD BE DOING IT, NOT 37. SO YOU CAN
21 SEE THAT WE DID NOT IMPLEMENT THIS IN A VERY EFFICIENT OR
22 EFFECTIVE MANNER. WE DIDN'T MONITOR CONTRACTS THE WAY WE
23 SHOULD HAVE. WE DIDN'T IMPLEMENT THE CONTRACT THE WAY IT
24 SHOULD HAVE BEEN. AND WE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT. THE
25 VENDOR WAS ALLOWED TO PROBABLY PROVIDE US SOME INFERIOR

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1 EQUIPMENT THAT WAS NOT ALLOWED FOR IN THE CONTRACT AND WE
2 REMEDIED THAT WITH OUR DISCREPANCY REPORT. SO HOW DO WE
3 CORRECT THIS? WHAT DO WE DO? THE GOOD NEWS IS I CAN TELL YOU
4 IT IS NOT GOING TO TAKE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. I'M NOT GOING TO
5 ASK FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF AS I'VE DESCRIBED IN THE RATIOS. WE
6 DON'T NEED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. WE JUST NEED TO DO THIS IN
7 THE RIGHT WAY. YOU CAN SEE OUR TIMELINE. DECEMBER THE
8 BATTERIES WERE REPLACED. WE HAD THE VENDOR ASSIGN ADDITIONAL
9 PERSONNEL SO THAT WE COULD DEAL WITH THE HOOKUP ISSUES AND THE
10 TIMELINESS WITHIN 24 HOURS. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF
11 RESEARCHING WITH OTHER AGENCIES THEIR CONTRACTS, THEIR
12 CONTRACT LANGUAGE, THEIR SCOPES OF WORK, THEIR R.F.P.S. WE
13 WOULD LIKE TO -- IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR US TO HAVE THREE
14 SEPARATE CONTRACTS FOR THESE PROGRAMS. IT CERTAINLY WOULD MAKE
15 MORE SENSE TO HAVE ONE CONTRACT ENCOMPASSING THE THREE
16 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE. WE HAVE GIVEN STAFF INDIVIDUAL LOG-INS.
17 THE VENDOR HAS STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE IN MONITORING THE
18 ALERTS, IN DOING A BETTER JOB OF TRIAGING THOSE ALERTS THAT
19 NEED TO COME TO THE PROBATION OFFICER AND THOSE THAT ARE
20 SIMPLY A HARDWARE ISSUE. THE VENDOR HAS PROVIDED US THE NEWEST
21 TECHNOLOGY THEY HAVE SO WE CAN DO THE CELLULAR TRIANGULATION.
22 WE ARE CURRENTLY -- WE HAVE CURRENTLY ADVERTISED IN THE LATTER
23 STAGES OF ADVERTISING A G.P.S.-SPECIFIC CASELOAD FOR PROBATION
24 OFFICERS. WE WILL HAVE A TRAINING CURRICULUM WORKING WITH THE
25 VENDOR AND WITH OUR OWN STAFF AND, FRANKLY, PROBABLY OTHER

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1 STAFF FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING TO THOSE
2 STAFF SO THEY KNOW HOW TO DO THIS TYPE OF WORK. WE HAVE
3 ELIMINATED THE EXCLUSION ZONES THAT WERE PROBLEMATIC AND THAT
4 WERE PROVIDING THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ALERTS. WE WILL HAVE
5 THESE CASELOADS ON BOARD OR THE CASELOADS SELECTED, OFFICERS
6 SELECTED AND STAFFING SELECTED BY THE END OF MARCH. TRAINING
7 WILL HAPPEN IN MID-APRIL. AND WE WILL DO SEVERAL OTHER THINGS.
8 THE PLAN IS GOING FORWARD THAT WE WILL -- IN OCTOBER OF 2014,
9 THE CONTRACT EXPIRES. WE ARE WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL.
10 WE'RE GATHERING INFORMATION TO BE ABLE TO ISSUE AN R.F.I. SO
11 THAT WE CAN FIND WHAT'S OUT THERE, WHAT THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY
12 SO WE CAN PUT TOGETHER A MORE APPROPRIATE R.F.P. FOR THESE
13 SERVICES AND PUT IT OUT THERE. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE
14 THAT R.F.P. BY OCTOBER OF 2014 PRACTICALLY SPEAKING. SO WE
15 WILL INEVITABLY BE BACK BEFORE YOU TO EXTEND THIS CONTRACT. I
16 WILL TELL YOU THAT WE WILL HAVE A BEST PRACTICES PROGRAM TO
17 PRESENT TO YOU BEFORE WE EXTEND THAT PROGRAM, WHICH WILL
18 INCLUDE THE VENDOR BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR CONTRACT AND
19 PROVIDING US THE BEST EQUIPMENT THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO. BUT
20 WE WILL HAVE TO EXTEND THIS CONTRACT BEFORE WE GO OUT AND LOOK
21 AT WHAT'S OUT THERE. I HAVE TAKEN MY ASSISTANT CHIEF,
22 MARGARITA PEREZ, I'VE TASKED HER WITH -- JUST BY BACKGROUND,
23 MARGARITA WORKED FOR C.D.C.R. PAROLE, AND C.D.C.R. PAROLE HAD
24 7,500 OFFENDERS ON G.P.S. SHE WAS THERE WHEN THEY IMPLEMENTED
25 THAT PROGRAM. SHE'S A SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT. AND SHE WILL BE

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1 TASKED WITH GETTING THE LATEST AND GREATEST INFORMATION ON
2 G.P.S. TECHNOLOGY AND HELPING OUR CONTRACTS AND OPERATIONS
3 STAFF TO FORMULATE AN R.F.P. THAT IS SUITABLE FOR LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY TO GET THE SERVICES THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED AND THE
5 EQUIPMENT THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED. I WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU
6 THAT COMING BACK TO YOU IN 60 DAYS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
7 OUR STAFFING AND OUR TRAINING, WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE READY TO
8 DO THAT FOR YOU. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD SAY THAT I WILL PASS
9 IT OVER TO THE SHERIFF UNLESS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK ME
10 QUESTIONS NOW OR WE CAN ASK THEM AT THE END OF THE
11 PRESENTATION.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, ANYWAY, I
14 APPRECIATE THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS. BUT WHAT WE REALLY
15 WANT TO KNOW IS HAVE WE ADDRESSED ALL THE RESPONSE ISSUES? I
16 MEAN, THAT'S THE BIG PIECE HERE. YOU'RE PUTTING TOGETHER A
17 PLAN MAYBE MOVING FORWARD ABOUT EQUIPMENT, BUT HAVE WE REALLY
18 ADDRESSED ALL THE RESPONSE PROBLEMS IN THE SYSTEM?

19

20 **JERRY POWERS:** WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF THAT, SUPERVISOR. SOME
21 OF THEM WE HAVE. SOME OF THEM, AS I SAID, JUST TAKING THOSE
22 EXCLUSION ZONES AWAY WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF
23 ALERTS. CHANGING THE BATTERIES OUT TO A LONGER BATTERY LIFE
24 AND BETTER CHARGERS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE ALERTS. SO I'M
25 TOLD THAT WE'VE REDUCED THEM BY 25 PERCENT ALREADY. I EXPECT

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1 THAT THE EXCLUSION ZONE ELIMINATION WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE
2 THEM ON TOP OF THAT. SO IT'S A PROCESS. WE CAN'T REDUCE THEM
3 OVERNIGHT. BUT WE'RE MOVING FORWARD AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS
4 POSSIBLE ON THIS, GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THE FAILURE, FRANKLY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT? OR DO
7 YOU WANT TO HEAR THE SHERIFF FIRST?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THAT POINT, MR. POWERS, THE NEWS HAD
10 REPORTED AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF ALERTS WERE RECEIVED AND
11 IGNORED BY PROBATION OFFICERS. IS THAT TRUE? AND HOW DOES YOUR
12 CORRECTIVE ACTION ADDRESS THAT?

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** I DON'T KNOW THAT "IGNORED" IS REALLY THE
15 APPROPRIATE TERM. IF YOU'RE GETTING 20,000 ALERTS AND EVERY
16 PROBATION OFFICER WAS GETTING ALL OF THOSE ALERTS, NOT
17 SPECIFIC TO THEIR CASELOAD. THEY WERE GETTING ALL OF THEM.
18 IT'S SUCH AN OVERWHELMING DATA DUMP THAT TO FIND THE ONE ALERT
19 THAT DEALS WITH YOUR ONE GUY IN THIS MASSIVE DATABASE IS LIKE
20 FINDING A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHEN THE CONTRACT WAS GIVEN, AWARDED, WHY
23 WEREN'T THOSE FACTORS CONSIDERED PRIOR TO THE CONTRACT BEING
24 AWARDED? AND IF THEY WERE, IS THE CONTRACTOR ABIDING BY THE
25 CONTRACT THAT HE RECEIVED?

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2 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL I THINK IT'S A FUNCTION OF A FAILURE OF THE
3 CONTRACTOR TO ABIDE BY THE CONTRACT, WHICH ULTIMATELY IS OUR
4 RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THEY ABIDE BY THE CONTRACT. AND WE
5 DIDN'T DO THAT. AND, FRANKLY, WE DIDN'T PROVIDE OUR STAFF WITH
6 THE TRAINING AND THE ACCESS THEY NEEDED TO DO THEIR JOB.
7 THAT'S A MANAGEMENT ISSUE, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DID WE AWARD THAT CONTRACT?

10

11 **JERRY POWERS:** LATE 2008, EARLY 2009. SO IT'S BASICALLY BEEN
12 ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHEN WE AWARDED THE CONTRACT, WE AWARDED A
15 CONTRACT THAT WAS MEANT TO FAIL?

16

17 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL, I DON'T THINK THE CONTRACT WAS MEANT TO
18 FAIL. I THINK IF WE HAD HELD THE CONTRACTOR TO THE LETTER OF
19 THE CONTRACT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN WHERE WE ARE TODAY. BUT
20 IT'S TWO PARTS OF THAT PUZZLE. WE COULD DO THAT, BUT IF WE
21 DON'T TRAIN THE STAFF, IT REALLY IS NOT GOING TO MAKE A BIG
22 DIFFERENCE, EITHER.

23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE AWARDED A CONTRACT TO A CONTRACTOR WHO
2 FAILED, AND WE FAILED TO TRAIN THE STAFF PRIOR TO AWARDING THE
3 CONTRACT.

4

5 **JERRY POWERS:** AND WE FAILED TO HOLD THE CONTRACTOR ACCOUNTABLE
6 UNTIL RECENTLY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNTIL RECENTLY. AND WHAT GUARANTEE IS THERE
9 THAT THE CONTRACTOR, WHEN HIS CONTRACT IS EXTENDED, WILL NOT
10 GIVE US MORE OF THE SAME? WHY DON'T WE HOLD THAT PERSON
11 RESPONSIBLE AND GO OUT NOW FOR AN R.F.P. AND HAVE ANOTHER
12 CONTRACTOR COME IN WHO HAS AN IMPECCABLE RECORD INSTEAD OF ONE
13 THAT CREATED THE PROBLEM WE ARE DEALING WITH NOW?

14

15 **JERRY POWERS:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. I THINK PART OF
16 THE ISSUE IS WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO WORK THE PROCESS AS IT'S
17 ADVISED BY THE COUNTY AND ITS COUNSEL.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE DON'T HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO UPHOLD AN
20 INFERIOR CONTRACTOR IF HE'S AN INFERIOR CONTRACTOR. THAT'S HIS
21 PROBLEM AND HE FAILED AND WE SHOULD TAKE ACTION AND BEGIN THE
22 PROCESS OF BRINGING IN THE NEW CONTRACTOR.

23

24 **JERRY POWERS:** THE ACTION, SUPERVISOR, AS I HAVE BEEN ADVISED
25 IS TO ADVISE THEM THAT THEY FAILED, THAT THEY HAVEN'T MET THE

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1 CONTRACT, GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE CONTRACT
2 REQUIREMENTS. SO IT'S A DUE PROCESS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU BELIEVE THEY WERE AWARE OF THE FACT
5 THAT THEY HAD FAILED?

6

7 **JERRY POWERS:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE THEY AWARE IN THEIR OWN INTERNAL AUDIT
10 THAT THEY WERE NOT MEETING THEIR END OF THE CONTRACT?

11

12 **JERRY POWERS:** I WILL SAY THIS, SUPERVISOR. THEY RESPONDED VERY
13 QUICKLY WITH REPLACING EQUIPMENT AND BATTERIES AND CHARGERS
14 WHEN WE NOTIFIED THEM. THEY WERE VERY QUICK TO UPGRADE THAT
15 EQUIPMENT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU BELIEVE THEY WERE AWARE THAT THEIR
18 BATTERIES AND EQUIPMENT WERE FAILING PRIOR TO US TELLING THEM
19 THEIR EQUIPMENT WAS INFERIOR?

20

21 **JERRY POWERS:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO THEY HAVE -- WELL, IF THEY DON'T HAVE A
24 MECHANISM IN PLACE FOR QUALITY CONTROL, SURELY IT'S NOT OUR
25 RESPONSIBILITY, IT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. AND IF THEY FAILED

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1 IN THAT, THEN WE SHOULD TAKE THAT CONTRACT AND NOT CONTINUE IT
2 BUT SEEK A NEW VENDOR. AND IF THERE AREN'T ANY VENDORS OUT
3 THERE, THEN WE SHOULD NOT CONTRACT WITH A FAILED POLICY BY
4 SUBSIDIZING A FAILED CONTRACTOR.

5

6 **JERRY POWERS:** AND I DON'T DISAGREE WITH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING,
7 SUPERVISOR. I JUST HAVE TO WORK THE PROCESS THAT I'M ADVISED
8 TO DO.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I DON'T WANT THEM TO BE WORKING YOU AT
11 OUR EXPENSE.

12

13 **JERRY POWERS:** I AGREE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY APPEAR TO BE WORKING THE SYSTEM. AND
16 WE HAVE ENOUGH OF THESE PEOPLE WORKING THE SYSTEM TODAY, BE IT
17 IN THE MEDI-CAL FRAUD AND THE OTHER TYPES OF FRAUDS THAT ARE
18 TAKING PLACE. AND WE SHOULDN'T BE A PARTNER IN ALLOWING THIS
19 VENDOR TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AFTER THEIR PAST RECORD OF
20 FAILING TO ABIDE BY THE CONTRACT. HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO
21 DEVELOP ADEQUATE POLICIES AND CONDUCT THE NECESSARY TRAINING
22 TO IMPROVE OUR INTERNAL SHORTCOMINGS?

23

24 **JERRY POWERS:** SUPERVISOR, FORTUNATELY THE POLICIES ARE OUT
25 THERE. THEY'RE ALL OVER. THE STATE HAS G.P.S. POLICIES.

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1 COUNTIES HAVE -- SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO REINVENT THE WHEEL ON
2 THIS. WE CERTAINLY DO HAVE TO MEET WITH OUR UNION FOLKS TO DO
3 THIS. SO THERE'S A PROCESS INVOLVED IN THAT. BUT THAT'S FAIRLY
4 EASY TO DO. THE TRAINING OF STAFF AGAIN CAN BE DONE FAIRLY
5 QUICKLY. BUT WE HAVE TO ADVERTISE THE POSITIONS, SOLICIT
6 VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS AND THEN WE CAN PROVIDE THE TRAINING TO
7 THOSE THAT ARE SELECTED. SO IT CAN BE DONE FAIRLY -- THAT'S
8 WHY I SUGGESTED A 60-DAY FOLLOW-UP REPORT OR A 90-DAY FOLLOW-
9 UP REPORT SO I CAN GIVE YOU THE STATUS ON THAT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW FAST WOULD IT TAKE YOU TO ISSUE A NEW
12 CONTRACT FOR A NEW VENDOR?

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL THE R.F.P. PROCESS, WE'VE BEGUN THAT
15 PROCESS, THE R.F.I. AND R.F.P. PROCESSES, WE'VE HAD MEETINGS.
16 I CONVENED A MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND MY STAFF AND
17 CONTRACTS. WE WANT TO DO THIS RIGHT. WE DON'T WANT TO BE HERE.
18 I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE A HERE FROM NOW TALKING ABOUT THIS
19 BECAUSE WE BOTCHED THE R.F.P. OR SOMETHING.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT INCLUDING IN THE R.F.P. THE QUALITY OF
22 THE EQUIPMENT.

23

24 **JERRY POWERS:** YES.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE RESPONSE TO, BE IT THE AUTO CLUB OF
2 THIS DEVICE SO THEY HAVE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. THEY GET THE
3 PROBLEM RESOLVED. THAT SHOULD BE AN AUTOMATIC BOILERPLATE
4 COMPONENT OF ANY TYPE OF CONTRACT YOU PROVIDE.

5

6 **JERRY POWERS:** YES. REALLY, THE CHALLENGE WITH THE R.F.P. IS
7 IT'S MUCH LIKE YOUR COMPUTER. THE TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING SO
8 QUICKLY THAT WE NEED TO GET UP TO SPEED ON WHAT'S OUT THERE SO
9 THAT WE CAN --

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT IS WHAT I'M
12 TALKING ABOUT. SO THE MAINTENANCE PART OF THE CONTRACT,
13 REGARDLESS OF THE TECHNOLOGY YOU HAVE, HAS TO BE A COMPONENT
14 THAT IT'S GOING TO BE -- ANY FAILURE IN THE EQUIPMENT IS GOING
15 TO BE CORRECTED.

16

17 **JERRY POWERS:** IT IS. AND IT'S A PART OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT.
18 WE JUST WEREN'T --

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. IT'S THEIR FAILURE. MAYBE YOU HAVE
21 SUPPORT ON THIS BOARD TO END THAT CONTRACT AND BEGIN A NEW
22 PROCESS. I DON'T FEEL OBLIGATED TO CONTINUE WITH A VENDOR WHO
23 HAS FAILED AND HAS BEEN WARNED PREVIOUSLY. THIS IS NOT
24 SOMETHING NEW. AND IF THEY FAILED TO MAKE THOSE CORRECTIONS ON
25 THEIR OWN AT THE TIME AND THEY DISCOVERED IT AND CAME TO US

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1 AND SAID "WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM AND I HAVE TO GET IT RESOLVED,
2 I'LL WORK WITH YOU," FINE. BUT THIS APPEARS TO NOT BE THAT
3 TYPE OF A VENDOR.

4

5 **JERRY POWERS:** CERTAINLY THAT'S UP TO YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU TO DO A
8 NEW R.F.P. AND BRING IN A NEW VENDOR?

9

10 **JERRY POWERS:** WOW, THE LAST TIME I ANSWERED THIS QUESTION, I
11 MISSED IT BIG. I'M GOING TO SAY, IT TAKES A YEAR.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DO YOU DO IN AN EMERGENCY? ARE THERE
14 VENDORS OUT THERE THAT COME IN FOR A CERTAIN TIME FRAME?

15

16 **JERRY POWERS:** YOU COULD PROBABLY DO A SOLE SOURCE OR SOMETHING
17 LIKE THAT. BUT I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT'S --

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF YOU DID A SOLE SOURCE, YOU CAN DO THAT
20 IN 60 DAYS OR LESS?

21

22 **JERRY POWERS:** FOR AN EMERGENCY TYPE SITUATION OR STOP GAP?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE YOU'RE LOOKING AT DOING A NEW
25 CONTRACT THE FOLLOWING MARCH.

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1

2 **JERRY POWERS:** RIGHT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'D HAVE A SOLE SOURCE FOR A TIME FRAME
5 AS YOU ARE WORKING ON A NEW R.F.P. TO GO OUT FOR YOUR CONTRACT
6 IN MARCH. AND THEN IF YOU'RE WORKING FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONTRACT,
7 YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK WITH THE DEPUTIES, THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES
8 AND THE STAFF, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ETCETERA, IN THE
9 MEANTIME.

10

11 **JERRY POWERS:** IT'S UP TO YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTION, CERTAINLY.
12 WE'RE AT A POINT WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE, AND
13 LIKE I SAID WE'LL KNOW BY THE MIDDLE OF MARCH WHETHER THEY'VE
14 ACTUALLY DONE WHAT THEY TOLD US THEY'VE DONE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MIDDLE OF MARCH IS ABOUT 2-1/2 WEEKS.

17

18 **JERRY POWERS:** YEAH.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO THE
23 CHAIR? SUPERVISOR MOLINA? COULD WE HAVE THE LIGHTS UP AGAIN,
24 PLEASE?

25

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S AMAZING ON THIS REPORT IT SPEAKS VOLUMES
2 ABOUT WHAT WE DO AS A WHOLE WHEN IT COMES TO CONTRACT
3 MONITORING. WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO WRITE A CONTRACT AND IT'S
4 USUALLY WE NEGOTIATE WITH THE CONTRACTOR ALL OF THOSE ITEMS
5 THAT WE WANT. UNFORTUNATELY, AS I'VE SEEN MANY CONTRACTS,
6 UNLESS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT AND HOW YOU WANT IT, THEY HAVE
7 YOU OVER A BARREL. BUT THIS IS AN AMAZING REPORT. I HAVE BEEN
8 HERE FOR 20 SOME YEARS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN A REPORT LIKE THIS.
9 WHERE YOU DO THE SELF-ANALYSIS OF EVERYTHING THAT WENT WRONG.
10 YOU CLEARLY POINTED OUT AND REALLY THE FAILURE WAS THE
11 DEPARTMENT'S FAILURE, COMPLETELY. A CONTRACTOR IS GOING TO TRY
12 TO GET AWAY WITH WHATEVER HE CAN GET AWAY WITH AND HE'S NOT
13 GOING TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR NEED UNLESS YOU TELL THEM. AND YOU
14 NOTICED THAT. AND THAT WAS THE ERROR. YOU DIDN'T MONITOR THE
15 CONTRACT. THAT WAS OUR ERROR. YOU LET IT GO FOR TOO LONG. YOU
16 DIDN'T TRAIN YOUR FOLKS, OUR ERROR. YOU WENT THROUGH A PROCESS
17 THAT WAS CONTINUOUSLY, YOU KNOW, REOCCURRING, BUT YOU LET IT
18 HAPPEN. SO I JUST THINK THAT THIS REPORT IS SO SOLID FROM THE
19 STANDPOINT OF ANALYZING OURSELVES. AND EVERY SINGLE TIME WE DO
20 THIS KIND OF THING WE HAVE A TENDENCY NOT TO DO THAT. YOU
21 KNOW, LET'S BLAME SOMEBODY ELSE. IT'S THEIR FAULT. THEY DIDN'T
22 DO IT RIGHT. AND CERTAINLY IN THIS INSTANCE THERE IS BLAME FOR
23 THE CONTRACTOR. BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A CONTRACTOR WHEN
24 THOSE THINGS ARE NOT POINTED OUT TO THEM? WHEN THE WHOLE
25 BEGINNING OF IT, THAT FACT THAT THEY X'D OUT MOST OF WHAT YOU

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1 NEEDED IN THE VERY BEGINNING IS THAT THEY DIDN'T CUSTOMIZE IT
2 FOR YOUR NEED. WE DIDN'T ASK THEM TO CUSTOMIZE IT FOR OUR
3 NEEDS. THAT WAS THE PROBLEM. SO THE REPORT, I THINK, IS VERY,
4 VERY SOLID FROM THE STANDPOINT OF LOOKING AT EVERYTHING THAT
5 WENT WRONG. AND RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THAT 95 PERCENT OF IT
6 WAS OUR FAULT. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY WE NEED TO FIX OURSELVES
7 FIRST. AND THAT IS THE PROMISE THAT THIS HOLDS AS FAR AS THE
8 REPORT. AND I REALLY ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT YOU NEED TO LOOK BACK
9 BEFORE YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD. AND MOST FOLKS ALWAYS JUST COME
10 IN AND TRY TO TELL US WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR, THAT WE WILL START
11 WITH A NEW CONTRACT AND DO A NEW R.F.P. AND LET'S START THE
12 GAME ALL OVER AGAIN AND WE DON'T HAVE THE TENDENCY TO SAY WE
13 LOOKED AT IT AND HERE'S ALL THE THINGS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE.
14 AND WE'RE GOING TO FIX ALL THE THINGS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE AND
15 GET STARTED. IT STILL MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR. THAT'S
16 FOR YOU TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON. BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE THAT
17 DETERMINATION NOW WHEN 90 PERCENT OF THE FAULT IS -- SO I JUST
18 THINK THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT A CONTRACT LIKE THIS OR WHEN YOU
19 LOOK AT A PROBLEM LIKE THIS, IT JUST IS IMPRESSIVE TO ME.
20 USUALLY DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT WILLING TO FIX THE FAILURE ON
21 THEMSELVES, WHICH ISN'T -- WHICH SHOULDN'T BE A NEGATIVE IF IN
22 FACT YOU ALSO FIX THE SOLUTION FOR YOURSELF.

23

24 **JERRY POWERS:** RIGHT.

25

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS REPORT DEMONSTRATES.
2 I WAS GOING TO ASK A QUESTION ABOUT WE'VE DONE IT IN
3 CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND IN MENTAL HEALTH. WHY DIDN'T YOU
4 CONTRACT? WHY DIDN'T YOU MONITOR THE CONTRACT? WHAT WAS WRONG
5 WITH THE CONTRACT INITIALLY? WHAT DID YOU CHANGE? WHAT'S THE
6 CORRECTIVE ACTION? WE GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS. BUT THIS
7 EXERCISE WHOEVER DID IT FOR YOU OR IF, JERRY, YOU DID THIS BY
8 YOURSELF, AMAZING. BUT THE FACT THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT DID IT I
9 THINK IS REALLY OUTSTANDING BECAUSE IT JUST TELLS US A PATH
10 FORWARD, WHICH IS THE ASSURANCES WE ALWAYS NEED AS
11 SUPERVISORS. WE DON'T DO CONTRACTS. WE COULDN'T MONITOR THIS.
12 BUT YOU WENT THROUGH THIS WHOLE TECHNOLOGY, WHICH OF COURSE IS
13 GREEK TO ME. BUT THE POINT IS ALL WE WANT IS THE SAFETY ISSUE,
14 RIGHT? WHEN SOMEBODY TELLS US SOMEBODY HAS GOT A BRACELET ON
15 OR THEY'RE BEING MONITORED IN THIS FASHION, WE'RE ASSUMING
16 THAT'S SAFETY FOR US. BUT YOU DID MORE THAN THAT. ALL I CAN
17 SAY IS HOORAY. THIS IS REALLY WELL DONE AND WELL THOUGHT OUT.
18 THE TEST WILL BE YOUR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT THE CORRECTIVE
19 ACTION. DO THE RETRAINING, TO GET THE CONTRACTOR TO RESPOND TO
20 THE CUSTOMIZATION THAT YOU NEED AND TO BE VIGILANT. BECAUSE I
21 THINK THAT WE ARE WILLING TO PRODUCE RESOURCES AND PROVIDE
22 MONEY FOR THESE KINDS OF CONTRACTS. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT YOU
23 AS A DEPARTMENT KNOW ALL WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND YOU'RE TELLING
24 US THIS IS THE BEST CONTRACTOR TO DO THESE THINGS. BUT I WOULD
25 SAY, BILL, THAT THIS IS A PERFECT KIND OF REPORT ON A

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1 CONTRACT. WE'RE SEEING THIS SAME PROBLEM IN CHILDREN'S
2 SERVICES. AND I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM INWARDLY LOOK AT THEMSELVES
3 AND SAY WE'RE NOT CONTRACTING FAMILY HOMES, SAME WAY, WE'RE
4 NOT CONTRACTING WITH MANY OF OUR PEOPLE, THIS PERSON IS
5 HOLDING OUT 790,000 DOLLARS IN BACK TAXES THAT THEY HAVEN'T
6 PAID. I'M JUST SAYING THIS EXERCISE WAS A VERY SOLID ONE FOR
7 SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF THAT JUST NEEDS ASSURANCES THAT YOU'RE ON
8 TOP OF IT. I DON'T NEED TO BE ON TOP OF IT. I DON'T NEED TO
9 MONITOR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE YOU TO DO AN R.F.P. I WOULD
10 RATHER THAT YOU FIX IT AND FIND A WAY TO FIX IT. AND THEN LET
11 US KNOW BECAUSE IF IT DOESN'T FIX THEN YOU'RE FRUSTRATING US
12 OR FRUSTRATING THE PUBLIC. EVERYONE ASSUMES WHEN YOU HAVE A
13 CONTRACT LIKE THIS IN PLACE IT EQUALS SAFETY. THE ARTICLE IN
14 THE PAPER TOLD US OH MY GOD, WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON? ARE WE
15 PUTTING BRACELETS ON PEOPLE THAT THAT THEY CAN TAKE OFF BY
16 THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE TO REPLACE THE BATTERY? OH SURE, I'M
17 GOING TO DO THAT, RIGHT? ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT LEFT US
18 SAYING WHAT IS THIS DEPARTMENT DOING? SO I THANK YOU FOR THE
19 REPORT. I THINK IT WAS WELL DONE AND I THINK IT'S A TREMENDOUS
20 EXERCISE THAT HOPEFULLY OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE LOOKING AT AS TO
21 HOW TO APPROACH US ABOUT FIXING THINGS THAT NEED TO BE FIXED.
22 I THINK THE FIRST THING IS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP AND THEN TO LOOK
23 INWARD TO SEE WHAT WE DID WRONG, FIND THOSE THINGS THAT WE
24 NEED TO FIX. IT MAY BE THE WRONG CONTRACTOR, THAT I DON'T

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1 KNOW. BUT YOU CAN'T ALWAYS JUST BLAME THE CONTRACTOR IF WE
2 HAVEN'T LOOKED AT OURSELVES, AS WELL. I APPRECIATE THE REPORT.

3

4 **JERRY POWERS:** I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE GOT THAT ON TAPE, TOO.

7

8 **JERRY POWERS:** YES. THIS IS A PAINFUL PROCESS. IT IS NOT A
9 PLEASANT PROCESS. BUT I NEED TO STRESS THIS IS NOT ABOUT
10 STAFF. THIS IS NOT A FAILURE OF PROBATION OFFICERS. THIS WAS A
11 FAILURE OF PROBATION MANAGEMENT. AND WE WILL FIX IT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS REPORT AND SHARE IT
16 WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS. THIS IS A GOOD INTROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF
17 THE CONTRACTING PROCESS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DOES THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAVE
20 ANYTHING TO ADD BEFORE WE TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEIR REPORT BETTER BE AS GOOD.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M NOT SURE YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR
25 REPORT UNLESS IT'S AN INTROSPECTIVE LOOK. [LAUGHTER.]

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2 **ERIC PARRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ERIC PARRA FOR THE SHERIFF'S

3 DEPARTMENT. OUR SYSTEM IS DIFFERENT THAN PROBATION'S BECAUSE

4 THEY'RE MONITORING PEOPLE THAT ARE AMBULATORY AND PEOPLE

5 WALKING AROUND ALL THE TIME AND TRANSITORY. OURS IS BASED

6 PRIMARILY AT OUR STATION AND ONE DRUG TREATMENT CENTER. WE

7 HAVE ABOUT 148 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE MONITOR. OUR CHALLENGES ARE

8 DIFFERENT WITH RESPECT TO SENTINEL. AND WE FOUND THEM TO BE

9 RESPONSIVE TO OUR NEEDS. WE HAD A FEW CHALLENGES WHICH I'LL

10 OUTLINE AND THEY'RE SHORT. WE HAD SOME NOTIFICATION CHALLENGES

11 BECAUSE ORIGINALLY IT WAS BASED ON TELEPHONIC SYSTEM WHICH

12 DIDN'T WORK VERY WELL. SO THEY'VE CREATED EMAIL GROUPS AND

13 THEY'VE GIVEN US ACCESS TO THEIR SYSTEM, WHICH IS SENTRACK SO

14 OUR PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN THAT. THEY ARE ABLE TO GET

15 REAL-TIME ALERTS. REAL-TIME DATA. SO THAT HAS BEEN IMPROVED

16 JUST BY DISCUSSING THAT ISSUE WITH THEM. WE HAD SOME ISSUES

17 WITH RESPECT TO THE LOSS OF G.P.S. SIGNAL BECAUSE OUR STATIONS

18 ARE HARDENED. SO SENTINEL HAS AGREED AT NO COST TO US TO

19 PURCHASE COMMERCIAL CELLULAR BOOSTERS AND REPEATERS AND PLACE

20 THEM IN THE STATIONS. THEY ARE GOING TO START AT THE NORTHERN

21 STATIONS FIRST. THEY ARE STARTING FEBRUARY 26TH. AND THEY'RE

22 GOING TO DO THREE STATIONS. THEY WILL DO TWO-WEEK EVALUATION

23 PERIOD, THEN THEY WILL GO ON TO THE OTHER STATIONS BASED ON

24 THE SUCCESS OF THESE. AND THEY BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO BE

25 SUCCESSFUL. WE'VE HAD SOME LOW BATTERY ALERTS. AND WHAT WE

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1 FOUND OUT WAS THAT THE INMATES WEREN'T CHARGING THEM FOR THE
2 REQUIRED PERIOD OF TIME. SO WE WORKED WITH OUR PATIENT JAILERS
3 AND OUR OUTPATIENT DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS TO HAVE THE PATIENTS
4 USE THE BATTERIES AS INTENDED, WHICH IS CHARGE THEM. WE HAD
5 TAMPER ALERTS, BECAUSE WHEN THE INMATES WERE BEING
6 TRANSPORTED, THE STATION JAILERS WOULD REMOVE THE G.P.S.
7 DEVICE. AND THEY DIDN'T NOTIFY SENTINEL SO NOW WE HAVE
8 RECTIFIED THAT. SO EVERY TIME THERE IS A TRANSPORTATION OF AN
9 INMATE, SENTINEL'S ADVISED SO WE DON'T HAVE THOSE ALERTS
10 ANYMORE. AND THAT IS THE EXTENT OF OUR ISSUES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE QUESTION OF THE BATTERY, COULD THE
13 QUALITY OF THE BATTERY FOR EXTENDED LIFE IMPROVE THE SYSTEM?
14 AND HOW WOULD WE DO THAT?

15

16 **ERIC PARRA:** WHAT WE'VE BEEN TOLD BY SENTINEL IS WE HAVE THEIR
17 TOP-END BATTERY SO FAR. AND THEY'VE GIVEN US ADDITIONAL
18 BATTERIES AT OUR FACILITIES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE FINDING OUT THAT THE BATTERIES ARE
21 LIVING LONGER?

22

23 **ERIC PARRA:** CORRECT. THE BATTERIES ARE WORKING. AND NOW THAT
24 THEY'RE BEING CHARGED AS INTENDED, THEY'RE WORKING OF BETTER.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND INSTALLATION WILL BEGIN TOMORROW AS THE
2 REPORT STATES. WHEN WOULD IT BE COMPLETED?

3

4 **ERIC PARRA:** I DON'T HAVE A COMPLETION TIMELINE. I WILL GET
5 THAT FOR YOU. BUT THEY'RE GOING TO DO THE THREE STATIONS FIRST
6 WHICH WOULD BE PALMDALE, LANCASTER AND SANTA CLARITA. THEN
7 THEY'LL DO A TWO-WEEK EVALUATION PERIOD. AND THEN THEY'LL MOVE
8 ON TO THE OTHER STATIONS. SO I CAN GET YOU A TIME FRAME.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE INSTALLATION OF THE COMMERCIAL
11 CELLULAR BOOSTERS AND REPEATERS, IS THAT GOING TO ELIMINATE
12 THE LOSS OF G.P.S. SIGNALS AT STATION?

13

14 **ERIC PARRA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD POINT. THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOME
17 PUBLIC TESTIMONY. JABRIEL MOHAMMED. MELLO DESIRE. MOHAMAD
18 KHATIBLOO, AND ROBERTSON RICHARDSON. FOLKS HERE? TERESIJA
19 SIGMUND? ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT IS ERIC PREVEN,
22 THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND SOMEONE OF COURSE HAS
23 TO DO THIS UNFORTUNATE JOB BUT I AM ALSO PLEASED AND MR.
24 POWERS DESERVES A BIT OF PRAISE FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A REPORT.
25 IT IS AN OKAY REPORT. BUT OF COURSE THE PROBLEM IS -- AND THE

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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALL KNOW THIS -- THAT WE HAVE KNOWN THESE
2 PROBLEMS WITH SENTINEL FOR VERY LONG TIME. WE HAVE ROLLED OVER
3 THESE ITEMS EXTENDING OUT SIX MONTHS, EXTENDING OUT SIX MONTHS
4 SINCE 2011. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHO GOT ASSIGNED TODAY TO HAND
5 THE THANK YOU NOTE TO MR. POWERS HAS BEEN THE CHIEF CRITIC OF
6 THIS NONSENSE OF ENDLESS R.F.P. SO THE UPSHOT THAT WELL NOW
7 FACE ANOTHER 10 MONTHS BEFORE WE CAN GET A CREDIBLE R.F.P. TO
8 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT MAYOR ANTONOVICH RAISED AND OF
9 COURSE OUR ALMOST COMICALLY BASIC QUESTIONS LIKE CAN WE GET
10 BATTERIES THAT WORK? LET ME JUST SAY THIS. THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO SIT FORWARD ON THESE ISSUES AND MONITOR
12 THEIR DEPARTMENTS. WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT THE PROBATION
13 DEPARTMENT IS A LARGE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CHARGED
14 WITH AN IMPORTANT TASK. THE MANAGEMENT BEING AT FAULT FOR THIS
15 EGREGIOUS PROBLEM THAT'S GONE ON AND ON SO THAT WE ONLY HAVE
16 LESS THAN A THOUSAND OR MAYBE IT'S AROUND A THOUSAND
17 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM USING THIS TECHNOLOGY THAT
18 EVERYBODY KNOWS IS USED IN OTHER MARKETS TO AN EFFECTIVE
19 OUTCOME, IT'S AN EMBARRASSMENT. I DO NOT BLAME MR. POWERS.
20 IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BLAME A GUY WHO CAME IN AND FOUND THIS
21 SITUATION. BUT YOU HAVE TO BLAME THE PEOPLE THAT KEEP ROLLING
22 THINGS OVER AND ROLLING THEM OVER AND APPROVING THEM. YOU
23 CAN'T DO ANYTHING IN THIS BUILDING WITHOUT THE BOARD'S
24 APPROVAL. SO I ASK YOU ALL TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY HAVE I'M

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1 SORRY TO BE THE HARD GUY FROM THE PUBLIC WHO SAYS THESE THINGS
2 BUT SOMEONE HAS TO SAY IT. AND THIS IS A DISASTER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO GO. THANK YOU. GOOD
7 AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. THERE IS A COUPLE THINGS HERE. AND
8 THE AGAIN THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ABOUT THE EFFECTS AND THE
9 USE OF PROP 30 FUNDS IN ANY OF THIS DISCUSSION. THIS IS FROM
10 YOUR LEGISLATIVE -- THIS IS FROM YOUR C.E.O. FOR THE STATE
11 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2013/14 SEASON, PROP 30 WHICH WAS
12 APPROVED BY VOTERS AMOUNTS THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO GUARANTEE
13 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES, REALIGNED FROM THE STATE
14 TO COUNTIES UNDER THE 2011 PUBLIC SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT ACT.
15 THAT, TOO, IS A PROBLEM FROM 2011 WAY BACK WHEN YOU DECIDED TO
16 PUT THIS FUNDING PROGRAM INTO PROBATION, INSTEAD OF THE
17 SHERIFF. REMEMBER SHERIFF BACA WAS UP HERE DISCUSSING HIS
18 DESIRE TO HAVE OVERSIGHT. SO WHY DON'T YOU DO A -- HAVE THE
19 SHERIFFS DO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR OVERSIGHT? AND
20 BASICALLY THE REASON PROBATION HAS GOT THIS OVERSIGHT IS
21 MONEY. BECAUSE WHEN THE SHERIFF WAS UP HERE DISCUSSING IT, HE
22 STATED THAT THE STATE WAS GOING TO FUND THE RE-ALIGNMENT BASED
23 ON THEIR COSTS, WHICH WERE MORE THAN WHAT THE COUNTY'S COSTS
24 ARE PER PRISONER. AND THEY HAD THE COUNTY BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, NONE OF YOU REALLY KNEW THAT. BUT WHEN YOU HEARD

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1 ABOUT EXTRA MONEY, YOU SAID: SHAH ZAM! WE'LL TAKE THE EXTRA
2 MONEY. WE'LL LET THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WORK WITH WHAT WE
3 GIVE THEM. THEY HAVEN'T LOOKED INTO ABOUT CHANGING THIS OVER
4 TO THE SHERIFF'S AUTHORIZATION AND LOSING THAT EXTRA MONEY.
5 THAT'S THE REAL PROBLEM. THE REAL PROBLEM AGAIN, SUPERVISOR
6 MOLINA, LIKE I SAID D.C.F.S., IT'S THE SAME BOARD, SAME
7 PROBLEMS. FUNDING, FUNDING, FUNDING.

8

9 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** I THINK YOU ALSO HAVE TO LOOK INTO THE FACT
10 THAT YOU ARE GIVEN A BROKEN PRODUCT TO THE PROBATION
11 DEPARTMENT. WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS APPARENTLY HIGHLY LIKELY
12 REOFFENDERS ARE ON THE STREET AND ON PAROLE AND THE PEOPLE
13 THAT SHOULD NOT BE IN JAIL, SOMETIMES DRUG ADDICTS YOU LEAVE
14 IN JAILS. SO MAYBE YOU WANT TO RE-EVALUATE WHO'S ON THE
15 STREETS AND WHO'S NOT. BECAUSE I'M SURE IT MAKES IT A LOT
16 HARDER TO SUPERVISE AND TO BE A PROBATION OFFICER TO A BUNCH
17 OF HIGH CORE CRIMINALS THAT SHOULD NOT EVEN BE ON THE STREET
18 AND THEN YOU BLAME THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I FIND IT A
19 LITTLE BIT STRANGE. AND FURTHERMORE, 70 TO 80 PERCENT OF THE
20 PEOPLE IN THE PRISON SYSTEM COME FROM THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.
21 WHY ARE YOU SO EAGER TO PUT KIDS IN FOSTER CARE IF YOU REALIZE
22 YOU PUT THEM AT RISK FOR GROWNUPS TO BE IN THE NEXT SYSTEM?
23 INSTITUTIONALIZED FROM ONE SYSTEM TO THE NEXT. AND ALSO
24 THERE'S A FRACTION WITHIN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FROM THE
25 PEOPLE I SPOKE TO, THEY REALLY DON'T LIKE MR. POWERS TO BE THE

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1 HEAD OF THE THING. THEY RATHER LIKE SOMEBODY WHO REFLECTS WHO
2 IS MAINLY IN THE PRISON SYSTEM, SOMEBODY MAYBE A LITTLE BIT
3 MORE MELANIN-RICH CONTENT TO BE THE HEAD OF IT WHO UNDERSTANDS
4 BETTER WHO THEY'RE DEALING WITH. YOU SPEAK A LOT ABOUT
5 LOGISTICS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION
6 ABOUT HOW TO EVEN DEAL WITH THE PEOPLE AT STAKE, WHICH ARE THE
7 PAROLEES. THE PAROLEES HAVE A DIFFICULT BACKGROUND. THEY HAVE
8 TO HAVE A LOT OF ATTENTION TO RETRAIN THEM TO NOT EVEN RETRAIN
9 THEM TO ONCE IN THEIR LIFETIME MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND HOW
10 SOCIETY WORKS. IF YOU WERE MORE BIGGER ON THE SOCIAL ASPECT OF
11 THE PAROLEES INSTEAD OF HOW YOU FUNNEL MONEY AND WHAT THE
12 LOGISTICS AND WHAT BATTERY DOESN'T WORK, WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE
13 A BATTERY CONVERSATION HERE. WE NEED TO SEE: DO YOU TEACH
14 THESE PEOPLE HOW -- WHAT DO THEY LACK? THE PROBATION
15 DEPARTMENT DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHO IS FROM FOSTER CARE OR NOT.
16 YOU DON'T EVEN SUPPLY THEM WITH THE TOOLS TO DO THE JOB.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19

20 **JABRIEL MOHAMMAD:** THIS IS JABRIEL MOHAMMAD FOR BISMILLAH THE
21 JUSTICE MOVEMENT. SUPERVISORS, WE ARE SPEAKING HERE WITH
22 REGARDS TO THE GLITCHES IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND WITH
23 THE HARDWARE THEY'RE USING TO TRACK. I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW HAS
24 ANYONE BEEN TETHERED WITH SUCH RESTRAINTS IN REGARDS TO THE
25 ELECTRONIC, THE G.P.S. SYSTEMS? BECAUSE WHAT'S BEEN REPORTED

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1 HERE TODAY IS THAT THOSE THAT ARE TETHERED HAVE BEEN SUBJECT
2 TO GRAVE INJUSTICE. THEY ARE ELECTRONICALLY VIOLATED BY VIRTUE
3 OF MISHAPS ON THE PART OF THOSE THAT WE CONTRACTED. I'M IN
4 TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH MR. ANTONOVICH IN TERMS OF FIRING THESE
5 PEOPLE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE PERSON THAT MADE THE REPORT,
6 YOU KNOW, THESE PEOPLE BEEN ON A SIX-MONTH PROBATION, AND ONLY
7 FOR IT TO BE REPORTED THAT THEY FAILED. AND HERE AGAIN THE
8 JUSTICE MOVEMENT'S CONCERNED. BISMILLAH'S CONCERN IS CONCERN
9 OF THOSE THAT ARE TETHERED BECAUSE DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL
10 PROTECTION ALLOWS US TO GIVE PENITENCE TO WHATEVER IT IS THAT
11 WE'VE DONE. CONSTANTLY BRAND THE PERSON WITH AN ELECTRONIC
12 BRAND, SO TO SPEAK, IS SUCH A GRAVE INJUSTICE. AND THEN TO
13 SUBJECT THEM TO ELECTRONIC GLITCHES THAT SUBJECT THEM TO
14 JEOPARDY, SUBJECT THEIR VERY FREEDOMS TO JEOPARDY IS EVEN MORE
15 SO AN INJUSTICE. SO HERE AGAIN WE ASK THAT THIS BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS SOLICIT A BID FROM THOSE PEOPLE WHO PROFESS
17 SECURITY DEVICES. WE WANT A BID. AND WE WANT IN THAT CONTRACT
18 TO SPECIFY AS TO WHAT IT IS THAT WE WILL BENEFIT FROM AS
19 REGARDS, AS WELL AS THOSE THETHERED. THOSE TETHERED HAVE TO BE
20 CONSIDERED.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

23

24 **MELLO DESIRE:** HI, MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. I'M A FILMMAKER FOR
25 INNER CITY YOUTH AND THE INCARCERATED. I THINK BEFORE WE

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1 CONSIDER ANY FUNDING FOR A G.P.S. SYSTEMS, YOU WILL FIND OUT
2 EXACTLY WHAT BROUGHT THEM TO THAT POINT, WHICH IS WHY WE'RE
3 TRYING TO HIT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM RATHER THAN TRYING TO
4 GET MORE MONEY INTO THE PROBLEM ITSELF. SO YOU WANT TO FOLLOW
5 PEOPLE AROUND AND MONITOR THEM. WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE THEY EVEN
6 GET TO THAT POINT? HOW ARE WE MONITORING THEIR ECONOMIC STATE
7 WHEN THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR HOUSING, WHEN THERE IS NO FUNDING
8 FOR PROPER EDUCATION, THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR PERFORMING ARTS
9 RESOURCES, ANYTHING POSITIVE IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS OF COMPTON
10 AND WATTS AND EAST L.A., BOYLE HEIGHTS, MACARTHUR PARK,
11 INGLEWOOD, SOUTH CENTRAL, LONG BEACH, PARAMOUNT AND DOWNEY,
12 THEY ARE DEPLETED FROM ANYTHING POSITIVE. BUT YET THERE'S MORE
13 FUNDING FOR INCARCERATION. THERE'S MORE FUNDING FOR
14 REHABILITATIONS THROUGH PRISON, SO YOU SAY. JERRY POWERS, WHAT
15 NEIGHBORHOOD DID YOU GROW UP IN? WERE YOU EVER AT ANY
16 RESOURCES IN PERFORMING ARTS? DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING POSITIVE
17 WHILE YOU WERE GROWING UP? DID NEW BOOKS IN YOUR SCHOOLS IN A
18 LOT OF THESE PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE RECRUITING FOR THESE JAIL
19 CELLS ARE IN NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DON'T EVEN HAVE BOOKS IN THEIR
20 SCHOOLS. SO WHY DON'T WE STOP FEEDING THE SHERIFF, STOP
21 FEEDING THE INCARCERATIONS, STOP FEEDING THE JAIL SYSTEM AND
22 START FEEDING POSITIVE IMAGES, POSITIVE RESOURCES FOR THESE
23 KIDS STARTING WITH JUVENILE SO THEY DON'T GROW UP TO BE TWIN
24 TOWERS AND MEN'S CENTRAL GRADUATES. ONE ISN'T GOING TO BE
25 ENOUGH. AFTER A WHILE, I KNOW YOU ARE TIRED OF HEARING ME DAY

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1 IN AND DAY OUT, YOU GUYS ARE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING, BUT
2 LAST SUNDAY WHEN WE PERFORMED WITH SOME OF THESE LIFERS WHO
3 WERE RELEASED, THEY PERFORMED FOR THE FIRST TIME AND NOT ONE
4 OF YOU EVEN CAME. NOT ONE OF YOU EVEN BROUGHT A REPRESENTATIVE
5 TO COME AND SEE OUR SHOW. AND I THINK THAT'S DEPLORABLE. IT
6 SHOWS THAT YOU JUST DON'T CARE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. OTHER ITEMS?
9 DONE? NEW ADJOURNMENTS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
10 ADJOURNMENTS?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DO NOT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? ZEV, DO YOU
15 HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK THAT WE ASK FOR DIRECTOR OF
18 PROBATION TO COME BACK IN 90 DAYS AND SUGGEST RELATIVE TO THE
19 TRAINING AND POLICIES THAT ARE GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I THINK THAT'S A PART OF HIS
22 TIMELINE. BUT WE'LL MAKE SURE HE DOES IT. OKAY. SUPERVISOR
23 YAROSLAVSKY?

24

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR.
2 CHAIRMAN. I ASK TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARSHA KUTZ HERRMAN A
3 RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86.
4 BORN AND SCHOOLED IN BOSTON, SHE GRADUATED FROM SMITH COLLEGE
5 IN PSYCHOLOGY. EVENTUALLY TO CALIFORNIA DEVOTED TO CHILDREN
6 WITH EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. IN 1983 SHE
7 VOLUNTEERED WITH THE COUNTY'S CHILD ADVOCATES OFFICE AS A
8 GUARDIAN AD LITEM EARNING A REPUTATION FOR HER CARING AND
9 ASSERTIVE COMMITMENT ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN. SHE HELPED
10 ESTABLISH THE CHILDREN'S COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO ASSIST
11 AND SUPPORT CHILDREN WHO WERE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES AND
12 PLACED IN THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM AND WAS RECOGNIZED
13 FOR HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER AWARD 1986.
14 SHE ENJOYED TRAVELING AND WAS AN AVID PATRON OF THE ARTS. SHE
15 IS SURVIVED BY HER SON FRED, TWO SISTERS, LANE GOLDEN AND
16 ISABEL BRACH AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. I ALSO ASK THAT WE
17 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM F. THOMAS, THE FORMER EDITOR
18 OF THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89 AT
19 HIS SHERMAN OAKS HOME. BILL THOMAS WAS WIDELY CREDITED WITH
20 NURTURING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE IN BOTH REPORTING AND
21 WRITING THAT BROUGHT THE PAPER TO A PEAK OF POST-WAR INFLUENCE
22 AND SUCCESS. THANKS LARGELY TO HIS EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP UNDER
23 PUBLISHER OTIS CHANDLER. DURING HIS THREE DECADES AT THE TIMES
24 THE PAPER EARNED 11 PULITZER PRIZES. REPORTERS CREDITED HIM
25 WITH GIVING THEM THE TIME, SPACE AND OPPORTUNITY TO HONE

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1 ELEGANT LONG FORM INVESTIGATIVE PIECES AS WELL AS PURSUING IN-
2 DEPTH LOCAL NEWS AND ARTS AND FEATURES REPORTING. NOTABLY HE
3 WAS CREDITING WITH ASSIGNING REPORTER DAVID SHAW TO THE BEAT
4 OF COVERING THE BUSINESS OF JOURNALISM. THE TIMES ITSELF WAS
5 COMPLETED-- INVESTIGATING THE TIMES ITSELF WITH COMPLETE
6 INDEPENDENCE FROM EDITORIAL INTERFERENCE AN ARRANGEMENT
7 VIRTUALLY UNHEARD OF BEFORE OR SINCE. THOMAS WAS NOT WITHOUT
8 HIS CRITICS INCLUDING THOSE WHO PREFERRED MORE TRADITIONAL
9 APPROACHES. BUT AT THE TIME HIS "LOS ANGELES TIMES" HAD FEW
10 NATIONAL AND EVEN INTERNATIONAL RIVALS. HE IS SURVIVED BY
11 THREE SONS, MICHAEL, PETER AND SCOTT AND GRANDDAUGHTER KASEY.
12 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. I'D ASK THAT SEVERAL
15 ADJOURNMENTS, FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
16 JUANITA HERNANDEZ, BELOVED GRANDMOTHER OF MY CHIEF OF STAFF
17 RICK VELASQUEZ WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY THIS PAST THURSDAY
18 AT THE AGE OF 90. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN,
19 JUANITA, LINDA, GLORIA, LUCILLE, MICHAEL, 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND
20 22 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD. WE WANT
21 TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO RICK AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. ALSO
22 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELOUISE HENDERSON DEVOTED MEMBER OF
23 THE COUNTY FAMILY WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE WAS A LONG-
24 STANDING EMPLOYEE WITH THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR WHERE SHE
25 SUPPORTED THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER IN THE TAX COLLECTOR BRANCH.

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1 HER COLLEAGUES AT T.T.C. ARE TRULY SADDENED BY HER PASSING AND
2 THEY WILL MISS HER DEDICATION AND LOYALTY. I'M HONORED TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE HER PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS AND WE EXTEND
4 HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.
5 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, EARNICE, DAUGHTER KEISHA, SON
6 FREEDOM AND GRANDDAUGHTER ARIANA AND 8 SIBLINGS. ALSO THAT WE
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GREAT PATRIOT, WALTER EHLERS, THE LAST-
8 LIVING CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT OF THE D-DAY
9 INVASION OF WORLD WAR II PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF
10 92. WAS BORN IN JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS. GREW UP DOING FARM
11 WORK. AT THE AGE OF 17 HE JOINED THE ARMY WITH HIS MOTHER'S
12 PERMISSION. DURING THE HISTORIC D-DAY INVASION OF WORLD WAR II
13 HE ACCOMPLISHED SOME OF THE MOST AWE- INSPIRING ACTS OF
14 BRAVERY IMAGINABLE. EARNED THE MEDAL OF ARMOR FOR KNOCKING OUT
15 TWO GERMAN MACHINE GUN NESTS. SAVING COUNTLESS OF ALLIED
16 SOLDIERS' LIVES, EVEN BEING SHOT IN THE BACK. YET FOR YEARS HE
17 RARELY TALKED ABOUT THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS BUT NOT UNTIL WORLD
18 GOT AROUND THAT HIS MEDAL OF HONOR HEROICS THAT WERE GETTING
19 HIM INVITED TO EVERY INAUGURATION SINCE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.
20 HE HAS DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO THE EDUCATION OF YOUTH AS A MEMBER
21 OF THE FREEDOM COMMITTEE OF ORANGE COUNTY BY APPEARING IN
22 COUNTLESS SCHOOL VENUES, TOUCHING AND PASSING THE TORCH OF
23 FREEDOM ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS BY BRINGING LIVING HISTORY TO
24 THE CLASSROOMS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DOROTHY, DAUGHTERS
25 CATHY AND TRACEY, SON WALTER, JR., SISTERS LEONA, MARJORIE,

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1 AND GLORIA. 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND
2 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDI RUYLE A LONG-TIME
3 FRIEND WHO WAS A FORMER ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AT CITY OF
4 LAKEWOOD WHO PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER IN
5 LAKEWOOD AS A PART-TIME INTERN. FINALLY MOVING TO THE
6 ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER POSITION IN 2007. SHE WAS VERY
7 INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING MANY NEW PROGRAMS IN THE CITY AND
8 WORKING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. A
9 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL LAKEWOOD CENTER MALL PATROLS. SANDI IS
10 SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO
11 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LEWIS GEORGE BAILEY WHO PASSED AWAY
12 FEBRUARY 18TH AT THE AGE OF 15, AT 57 EXCUSE ME. GRADUATED
13 FROM ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL. SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER,
14 VIRGINIA, CHARLENE, HIS DAUGHTER. TWO DAUGHTERS, EXCUSE ME.
15 SISTER CHARLENE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LOUIE DARE,
16 60-YEAR RESIDENT PAST MAYOR AND MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
17 THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL. HE PASSED AWAY AT RECENTLY AT THE OF
18 94. SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER FREDERICK AND MANY NIECES AND
19 NEPHEWS. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STEVE LIU. DR.
20 STEVE LIU WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF
21 93. HE WAS A DISTINGUISHED AND INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED
22 CARDIOLOGIST DEDICATED HIS ENTIRE LIFE TO PURSUIT OF
23 EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE. HE LEAVES A LEGACY IN THE FIELD OF
24 CARDIOLOGY THROUGH HIS KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, COMPASSION FOR
25 OTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER PATRICIA, SON RICHARD,

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1 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW CATHY, GRANDSON JONATHAN AND GRANDDAUGHTER
2 GLORIANA. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. MIKE?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF WE COULD CALL UP AN ISSUE. WE HAVE THE
5 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS HERE GAIL FARBER AND SOME OTHERS WHO
6 WILL TESTIFY ON A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE THAT'S HAPPENING THIS
7 WEEK. WEATHER FORECASTERS ARE NOW PREDICTING TWO LARGE STORMS
8 TO TOUCHDOWN LATER THIS WEEK, EXPECT TO DROP FOUR INCHES OF
9 RAIN. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE PREPARED. RECENT COLBY FIRE
10 BURNED THE HILLSIDES ABOVE AZUSA AND GLENDORA. LAST YEAR'S
11 POWERHOUSE FIRE BURNED THE NATIONAL FOREST BETWEEN THE SANTA
12 CLARITA AND ANTELOPE VALLEYS. SO, GAIL, IF YOU COULD PLEASE
13 GIVE US HOW WE ARE PREPARING OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR CITIES AND
14 OUR TOWN COUNCILS FOR ANY POSSIBLE MUD AND DEBRIS FLOWS IN THE
15 AREA, AND WE ARE ALSO IN A SEVERE DROUGHT. SO WHAT EFFORTS CAN
16 WE DO TO CONSERVE THIS RAIN WATER? AND WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS TO
17 CONSERVE FUTURE RAIN WATERS THAT WILL BE OCCURRING?

18

19 **GAIL FARBER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. GAIL FARBER, DIRECTOR OF
20 PUBLIC WORKS. WITH ME IS JEFF REEVE OUR DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY
21 OPERATIONS. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING, THE DEPARTMENT'S BEEN
22 WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
23 WITH O.E.M. WITH RESPECT TO THE RECENT KOBI FIRE AND PLANNING
24 ALREADY FOR POTENTIAL MUD AND DEBRIS FLOWS WITH THE
25 SIGNIFICANT BURN AREA. AS YOU MENTIONED, THERE'S TWO STORMS.

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1 THE FIRST ONE IS A RELATIVELY MILD STORM. BUT THE SECOND ONE
2 IS PROJECTED TO BE FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT WITH SIGNIFICANT NOT
3 ONLY DURATION BUT AS WELL AS WITH THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL AND
4 THE RAINFALL IN THE FOOTHILLS. SO WE'RE WATCHING THE COLBY
5 FIRE BURN AREA AND THE CITIES OF GLENDALE AND AZUSA AS WELL AS
6 THE MADISON FIRE AREA AND MONROVIA, THE POWERHOUSE FIRE, LAKE
7 HUGHES AREA AND ALSO THE WILSON FIRE IN GLENDALE. SO THERE'S
8 MULTIPLE FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THIS RISK OF
9 MUD AND DEBRIS FLOWS. AND AS WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST, WE'RE
10 WORKING CLOSELY IN A COORDINATED AGENCY EFFORT WITH OFFICE OF
11 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND I CAN LET JEFF TALK ABOUT THESE
12 EFFORTS AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE PART OF THIS CARE
13 OR COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORT IN PLANNING FOR AND
14 PREPARING FOR WHAT THEY CAN DO TO PROTECT THEIR HOMES AND
15 COMMUNITIES IN THIS EFFORT. SO WITH THAT, WITH THE FIRES, EVEN
16 BEFORE THE FIRES BURNED OUT, WE PUT TOGETHER THE BURN AREA
17 RECOVERY TEAM. THIS CONSISTED OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE AS WELL
18 AS OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICES WITH
19 RESPECT TO ENGINEERING ADVICE AS TO HOW TO PROTECT HOMES AND
20 COMMUNITIES FROM MUD AND DEBRIS FLOW. WE REACHED OUT TO ALL
21 THE FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES. WE PROVIDED ENGINEERING ADVICE TO
22 THESE COMMUNITIES. MANY OF THE CITIES NOW ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED
23 IN DEPLOYING CONCRETE BARRIERS AND K-RAILS FOR FLOOD
24 PROTECTION AND MUD AND DEBRIS FLOW PROTECTION. AND THEN I
25 THINK THE IMPORTANT PART IS WITH ANY SIGNIFICANT RAIN ACROSS

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1 THE COUNTY IS THAT THE COUNTY, OUR PARTNERS THERE ARE
2 MESSAGING WITH RESPECT TO WHAT TO DO WITH RESPECT TO LOCALIZED
3 FLOODING AS WELL AS ROADWAY HAZARDS AND HOW THEY COULD PROTECT
4 THEIR HOMES ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH THIS RAIN. AND IT DRIVES
5 HOME THE IMPORTANCE TO BE DILIGENT AND TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS, TO
6 LOOK AT OUR COUNTY WEBSITE, THE CARE WEBSITE WHICH IS
7 DPWCARE.ORG FOLLOW THE COUNTY ON TWITTER. WE'LL BE MESSAGING
8 AND PROBABLY STEALING SOME OF JACK'S THUNDER HERE WITH RESPECT
9 TO HOW THE COUNTY IS COORDINATING WITH THE CITIES IN
10 MESSAGING. AND I'LL HAVE HIM GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THAT. WITH
11 RESPECT TO WATER CONSERVATION, WE'RE TAKING IN THE FOOTHILLS
12 THERE'S SEVERAL DEBRIS BASINS AS WELL AS EROSION CONTROL
13 STRUCTURES TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITIES. ALL THE DEBRIS BASIN
14 HAVE BEEN CLEANED OUT AND SO THEY ARE AT CAPACITY TO ACCEPT
15 ANY MUD AND DEBRIS FLOWS. THEY WILL BE ON ACTIVE PATROLS. AND
16 WE WILL BE WORKING IN A COORDINATED INCIDENT COMMAND STRUCTURE
17 TO MONITOR AND REPORT THE STATUS. WE'RE WATCHING THE STORMS
18 CLOSELY WHETHER THEY INTENSIFY OR WHETHER THEY TAPER OFF AND
19 TO KEEP THE COMMUNITIES INFORMED ON OUR WEBSITE AS WELL AS IN
20 OUTREACH EFFORTS AT WHICH DAVE SOMMERS CAN TALK ABOUT. IT IS
21 IMPORTANT THAT AS WE PREPARE FOR THESE STORMS AND PREPARE
22 THESE DEBRIS BASINS TO RECEIVE ANY WATER THAT THE IMPORTANCE
23 OF HAVING DAMS AND RESERVOIRS CLEARED OF SEDIMENT SO THAT WE
24 CAN CAPTURE AS MUCH RAIN THAT DOES FALL SO THAT WE CAN THEN
25 RECHARGE OUR AQUIFERS AND OUR GROUND WATER SUPPLY WITH OUR

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1 REGIONAL WATER PARTNERS AND MONITOR THAT, AS WELL. SO I KNOW
2 THERE'S A LOT OF FOCUS ON HOW MUCH RAIN WILL FALL. HOW MUCH
3 RAIN DO WE CAPTURE? SO IN ADDITION TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
4 WE'RE ALSO WORKING CLOSELY WITH ALL OF OUR LOCAL WATER
5 PARTNERS TO CONSERVE AS OF WATER AND NOT TO LOSE IT, THAT WE
6 CAPTURE IT IN OUR RESERVOIRS AND WORK COLLECTIVELY TO RECHARGE
7 IT AND RESTORE IT TO ADDRESS OUR DROUGHT. WITH THAT, I'M GOING
8 TO LET JEFF GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF UPDATE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** SO GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
11 SO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND OUR ROLE AS THE
12 OPERATIONAL AREA COORDINATOR CONVENED A CONFERENCE CALL THIS
13 MORNING AT 11 O'CLOCK AND WE HAD ALL OF OUR PARTNERS ON THAT
14 CALL, INCLUDING THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIRE, D.P.W.,
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, D.P.S.S., C.S.S. AND OUR PARTNERS,
16 AMERICAN RED CROSS, OUR AREA DMAX. OUR FOOTHILL CITY
17 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SOUTHERN REGION OPERATIONAL CENTER.
18 AND SO OUR OPERATIONS CENTER WILL ACTIVATE IN SUPPORT OF THE
19 INDEPENDENT CITIES AS THEY ACTIVATE THEIR E.O.C.S AND WE
20 ANTICIPATE WE'LL BE ACTIVATED ON FRIDAY UNLESS THINGS
21 DETERIORATE IN THE WEDNESDAY STORM, WE WILL ACTIVATE SOONER
22 THEN. AND THAT WILL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND RESOURCE
23 SUPPORT THAT EITHER OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR THE INDEPENDENT
24 CITIES WILL REQUIRE TO SUCCESSFULLY MITIGATING THE ISSUES THAT
25 COME OUT OF THIS STORM. I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REMIND OUR

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1 PUBLIC THAT MIGHT BE VIEWING, BE PREPARED AT HOME, TO BE
2 PREPARED TO EVACUATE, TO ENROLL IN OUR PUBLIC ALERT SYSTEM, TO
3 ALERT L.A. AND _____ SO THEY CAN GET EARLY NOTICE AND
4 EVACUATION IF NECESSARY AND TO BE VIGILANT FOR SIGNS OF
5 FLOODING IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE SALVATION ARMY WHEN
8 YOU TALK ABOUT THE RED CROSS.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL CONNECT WITH SALVATION ARMY, THANK YOU FOR
11 THAT. DAVID, ANYTHING TO ADD?

12

13 **DAVID SOMMERS:** SUPERVISORS, DAVID SOMMERS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
14 AFFAIRS. WE HAVE A GOOD COMMUNICATIONS PLAN IN PLACE WHERE WE
15 SUPPORT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND AMPLIFY THEIR MESSAGES. OUR
16 JOB IS NOT TO TAKE THE LEAD BUT TO FOLLOW THEIR LEADERSHIP,
17 CORRECTING MISS INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA IS AS CRITICAL AS
18 PUTTING OUT ACCURATE INFORMATION. SO WE HAVE A CLEAR PLAN FOR
19 SUPPORTING OUR PARTNERS THROUGHOUT THIS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, "EDISON WHICH PROVIDES ELECTRICITY TO
7 MOST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S 14 MILLION PEOPLE, 180 CITIES,
8 11 COUNTIES AND 50,000 SQUARE MILES, RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS
9 REGULARLY CALL THE COUNTY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT EDISON'S
10 REOCCURRING OUTAGES, ESPECIALLY RECENTLY IN OUR ALTADENA AND
11 LA CRESCENTA COMMUNITIES, INABILITY TO PROVIDE ACCURATE AND
12 REAL-TIME INFORMATION, AND LACK OF COOPERATION AND
13 COMMUNICATION WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. A RECENT P.U.C.
14 REPORT VALIDATED THESE COMPLAINTS. THE P.U.C. FOUND EDISON'S
15 RESPONSE TO THE 2011 WIND STORMS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WAS
16 TERRIBLE. EDISON'S RESTORATION TIMES WERE TWICE AS LONG AS THE
17 D.W.P.'S INFRASTRUCTURE WAS OVERLOADED AND SUBSTANDARD.
18 COMMUNICATION WITH CUSTOMERS AND GOVERNMENT WAS DEFICIENT.
19 P.U.C. PRESIDENT MICHAEL PEEVEY WHO WAS FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF
20 EDISON INTERNATIONAL CALLED EDISON'S RESPONSE 'A BOTCHED
21 OPERATION.' EDISON ALSO SERVES MORE THAN 5,000 LARGE
22 BUSINESSES AND 280,000 SMALL BUSINESSES EMPLOYING THOUSANDS OF
23 WORKERS. EDISON'S PLANNED OUTAGES AT THESE BUSINESSES RECENTLY
24 FAILED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE NOTICE AND THESE BUSINESSES ARE NOT
25 GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE. PLANNED OUTAGES ARE DIFFERENT

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1 THAN UNPLANNED OUTAGES. AND EDISON CONTROLS WHEN AND WHERE
2 THEY TAKE PLACE. EDISON PERFORMS PLANNED OUTAGE WORK ON
3 WEEKDAYS DURING OPERATING HOURS WITH NO REGARD FOR THE
4 FINANCIAL IMPACT IT HAS ON JOBS AND BUSINESSES, COSTS WHICH
5 THEY CANNOT RECOVER OR JOBS THAT CANNOT BE PAID FOR. JUST LAST
6 WEEK, HERLOMAS BEVERAGE IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY RECEIVED A
7 NOTICE THAT POWER WOULD BE TURNED OFF AT THEIR FACILITY THIS
8 WEEK, FORCING THEM TO SCRAMBLE FOR GENERATORS SO THAT ITS
9 PRODUCT WOULD NOT BE DESTROYED. THE COMPANY SPENT OVER 20,000
10 DOLLARS ON EMERGENCY GENERATORS ONLY TO FIND OUT THIS MORNING
11 THAT EDISON HAS SCRAPPED THE PROJECT. IT DID NOT EVEN HAVE THE
12 COURTESY TO NOTIFY THE BEVERAGE COMPANY. THE OWNER FOUND OUT
13 WHEN HE WAS APPROACHED BY AN EDISON CREW PARKED OUTSIDE HIS
14 BUSINESS AND ASKED WHAT THE STATUS WAS. THE ECONOMY IS FRAGILE
15 RIGHT NOW, AND BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY THE MANUFACTURING
16 SECTOR, ARE FLEEING THE STATE. IT'S PATHETIC THAT THE LARGEST
17 ENERGY PROVIDER IN THE STATE OPERATE IN SUCH AN UNPREDICTABLE
18 AND HAPHAZARD FASHION. I'M ASKING THE C.E.O. TO PREPARE A FIVE
19 SIGNATURE LETTER THIS WEEK FOR NEXT WEEK TO THE P.U.C.
20 REQUESTING THAT THEY DEVELOP REGULATIONS THAT LIMIT THE IMPACT
21 UTILITY COMPANIES HAVE ON PRIVATE BUSINESSES." EDISON, IT'S
22 UNEXCUSABLE THAT EDISON CANNOT ACCOMMODATE THESE COMPANIES BY
23 PERFORMING THE WORK ON WEEKENDS OR AFTER HOURS WHICH CALTRANS
24 AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO IN THE
25 PAST. SO THAT WILL BE FOR NEXT WEEK, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND THEN MY

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1 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF A
2 GOOD FAMILY FRIEND, JANET TRIPLETT WAGENSELLER. HER HUSBAND
3 PASSED AWAY JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, ONE OF OUR GOOD SUPPORTERS.
4 SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A. AND
5 ACTIVE MEMBER OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA. SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF
6 THE BRENTWOOD SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION AND ASSISTANCE
7 LEAGUE. SURVIVED BY THREE SONS WARD, LAINE AND SCOTT AND HER
8 SISTER AND BROTHER. ELEANOR DICKRANIAN PASSED AWAY AT THE SHY
9 AGE OF 102. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO SISTERS AND HER TWO
10 DAUGHTERS CYNTHIA AND LAUREL. STAFFORD "BOB" ROBERT GRADY
11 FORMER CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND A GOOD SUPPORTER
12 AND FRIEND AND CONSTITUENT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. HE
13 WAS AN INSURANCE COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS. HE WAS A
14 GRADUATE FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL,
15 SERVED AS ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMAN.
16 LATER BECAME PRESIDENT OF FIRST WESTERN BANK, WHICH BECAME
17 KNOWN AS SANWA BANK AND ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF
18 ST. PATRICK. HE RECEIVED THE STATE OF ISRAEL AWARD. HE'S
19 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO BROTHERS AND HIS SISTER AND HIS CHILDREN.
20 WILLIAM DAVILA, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, FORMER
21 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF VONS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83.
22 RICHARD "RICK" KERR, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA
23 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 61. HE HAD WORKED FOR LOCKHEED
24 MARTIN AND FOUNDED CITIZENS FOR SHELTERED ANIMALS IN 1987,
25 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE SANCTUARY FOR ANIMALS IN ACTON. LUTHER

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1 LANIER, RETIRED CHIEF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. KYLE D'ERRICO
3 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LANCASTER TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AT THE
4 AGE OF 23 FOLLOWING A SIX-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER. GILBERT
5 "GIB" EDWARD MASL LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA PASSED
6 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
7 DURING WORLD WAR II. LATER WORKING AS A HEATING AIR
8 CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN. ELIZABETH POINTER, LONGTIME RESIDENT
9 OF ALTADENA, OWNER OF A SMALL BUSINESS FOR MANY YEARS AND
10 MEMBER OF THE PARADISE BAPTIST CHURCH. SERVED ON THE WOMEN'S
11 USHER BOARD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND CHARLIE AND THEIR
12 CHILDREN CHARLTON AND KAREN, BROTHER HENRY. ELAINE BENSON
13 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88 FROM SANTA CLARITA. SHE WAS THE
14 SECRETARY MANAGER OF THE VALENCIA HILLS HOMEOWNERS '
15 ASSOCIATION FOR 20 YEARS, A VOLUNTEER AT CHRIST LUTHERAN
16 CHURCH AND A VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR
17 COURT. SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS. SUZANNE PERRIN, LONGTIME
18 GLENDORA RESIDENT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 101. SURVIVED BY
19 HER TWO CHILDREN. AND RICHARD SHERMAN "GUS" TRUEBLOOD LONGTIME
20 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE HAD
21 BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS FOR THE "SIGNAL" NEWSPAPER. AND IN THE
22 MILITARY WAS A STAFF SERGEANT WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
23 AND A MERCHANT MARINE. SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER ROSEMARY. THAT'S
24 ALL I HAVE.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SUPERVISOR? IF I CAN MENTION ONE THING.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE ADJOURNMENT?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S IN ADDITION TO YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING
9 WATER CONSERVATION. I THINK WE SHOULD, THROUGH ALL OF OUR
10 DIFFERENT SOURCES, ADVISE OUR RESIDENTS TO TURN OFF THE
11 SPRINKLERS. IT MAY SOUND LIKE A SMALL THING. IF THEY COULD
12 TURN THEM OFF TONIGHT UNTIL I'D SAY NEXT MONDAY OR TUESDAY,
13 WE'LL BE INSTRUCTING ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO TURN OFF
14 SPRINKLERS AT EVERY PARK, GOLF COURSE, EVERY BUILDING WE HAVE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERB SUGGESTION. I ALSO SUGGEST WE CONTACT
17 THE LOCAL CALTRANS. THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN SEEING THE
18 SPRINKLERS GOING WHEN YOU'RE ON THE FREEWAY.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL GET NOTICE OUT TO ALL OF OUR PARTNERS.
21 WE'LL TALK TO THE CITIES AND GET SOMETHING OUT TODAY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD SUGGESTION.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ADJOURNMENTS?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MAY I ASK THAT WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NARCISO NERI BORN JANUARY 18, 1950 IN
6 GALVESTON, TEXAS, PASSED ON FEBRUARY THE 8TH AT THE AGE OF 64.
7 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 10. HE LEFT HIGH SCHOOL
8 TO JOIN THE ARMY AND RECEIVED HIS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WHILE IN
9 SERVICE TO OUR NATION. MR. ANNERI WORKED FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES FOR 10 YEARS AS A MECHANIC, PLUMBER, HANDYMAN AND
11 ROOFER FOR THE LOS ANGELES BOTANICAL GARDENS AS WELL AS TED
12 WATKINS PARK AND VICTORIA PARK FINALLY FOR CABRIO MARINA IN
13 SAN PEDRO. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS SENSE OF HUMOR, HIS
14 LOVE OF EATING, MEETING NEW PEOPLE, FIXING THINGS, GARDENING
15 AND BEING OUTDOORS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEAN, HIS
16 DAUGHTER APRIL, STEPSON JOE, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR SISTERS
17 AS WELL AS MANY FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MR.
18 CHAIRMAN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF JACKIE
19 RAMOS. BORN AUGUST 11, 1934 AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY THE 20TH AT
20 THE AGE OF 79. KNOWN AN EXCELLENT EDUCATOR, SPENT MANY YEARS
21 TOILING ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND
22 HER SORORITY, COMMITTED INDIVIDUAL ACTIVE IN THE LIFE OF HER
23 COMMUNITY AND SEVERAL COMMUNITIES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
24 LOVING HUSBAND GENE, TWO CHILDREN, GINO AND GIA, AND MANY,
25 MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL CERTAINLY MISS HER PASSING

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1 WHICH INCLUDES MY FAMILY. AND WE SEND OUR SPECIAL REGARDS TO
2 THE RAMOS FAMILY. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR.
3 CHAIRMAN.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC
6 COMMENTS. ARNOLD SACHS. MELIA COOK. JESUS HILARIO. BOBBY
7 COOPER.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. DID YOU
10 THE HEAR THAT, SUPERVISOR KNABE? DEBRIS BASINS, THAT'S WHAT WE
11 WERE TALKING ABOUT. GOT THOSE CLEANED? WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE
12 CANYON? WHAT WAS THE CANYON THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT? SPEAK
13 THE TRUTH. DON'T MAKE FUN OF THOSE PEOPLE. WHY DON'T YOU STEP
14 UP TO THE PLATE? EXCUSE ME? EXCUSE ME, NO, NO, NO, NO, YOU
15 MADE ANOTHER SWARMY COMMENT AGAIN.

16

17 **MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN? LISTEN, WE DON'T HAVE-

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** UH STOP.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LISTEN, YOU DON'T TELL ANYBODY TO STOP.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR YOU TO COME
24 HERE AND ENGAGE IN COMBAT WITH US GRATUITOUSLY AND YOU DO IT

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1 TOO OFTEN, ARNOLD. AND YOU ARE BETTER THAN THAT SO BEHAVE
2 ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SIR.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M GOING TO SUGGEST
7 THAT HE BE AFFORDED A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME AND ASK HIM TO
8 STOP ENGAGING IN THIS ASSAULT ON MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT IS
9 UNBECOMING. IT'S UNNECESSARY. AND WE SHOULD NOT TOLERATE IT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. START HIS MINUTE AGAIN.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.
14 BUT ON THIS SIDE, WE NEED TO TOLERATE THE EXPLANATIONS FOR
15 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT OCCUR ON THE PUBLIC'S BILL? WE NEED TO
16 TOLERATE THAT? WE NEED TO TOLERATE THE CHANGING OF THE RULES
17 WITH NO EXPLANATION? WE NEED TO TOLERATE THAT? I BROUGHT UP A
18 POINT EARLIER ABOUT SOME ITEM ON THE AGENDA REGARDING CLEANING
19 SOME DEBRIS THAT WAS ON THE AGENDA TWO YEARS AGO. WHY DID IT
20 TAKE SO LONG TODAY? AND I GOT SMART ALECK REMARKS. I NEED TO
21 COMMENT? I NEED TO TOLERATE THAT? EXPLAIN WHY IN ONE AREA IT
22 WAS CLEAN AND ANOTHER AREA IT WASN'T. I NEED TO TOLERATE THAT?
23 I'M SORRY, SIR. I ATTACK --

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO THE CONTRARY. OFTEN, WHEN YOU TAKE THAT
3 SEAT, IT IS PREDICTED THAT YOU ARE GOING TO ENGAGE IN SOME
4 UNWARRANTED BROADSIDE, ARNOLD. AND IT GETS VERY, VERY TIRED.
5 AND WE SHOW CONSIDERABLE RESTRAINT AND, I THINK, YOU CAN DO
6 BETTER THAN THAT, AND YOU SHOULD.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **MELIA COOK:** YEAH, I CAME HERE ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO AND I
11 MISSED MY TURN GOING OUT TO THE RESTROOM AND THEN YOU GUYS
12 ADJOURNED, SO I MISSED IT. AND I SPOKE TO CATHERINE MEDINA WHO
13 ASSURED ME THAT IT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF AND SO MANY CALLS TO
14 NICK'S OFFICE WERE NOT RETURNED UNTIL HE CALLED ME LAST NIGHT.
15 SO I'M NOT SURE THIS IS GOING TO BE HANDLED. BUT I TICKET AT
16 M.L.K. HOSPITAL SEEKING MEDICAL CARE. AND I THINK I HAVE A
17 RIGHT TO BE SEEN BEFORE A JUDGE TO CONTEST THIS TICKET. AND
18 SUPPOSEDLY I HAVE TO PAY FOR IT IN FULL BEFORE I HAVE THIS
19 RIGHT. AND I THINK EVERYONE AGREES I HAVE THAT RIGHT TO
20 CONTEST THE TICKET. BUT BECAUSE I'M HOMELESS, LIVING IN MY
21 CAR, I DON'T HAVE THE MEANS. THERE IS NO WAIVER FOR HOMELESS
22 PEOPLE TO HELP WITH THIS. SO IT CONTINUES AND MY
23 REGISTRATION'S COMING UP. AND MY CAR IS MY ONLY VEHICLE TO
24 LIVE IN. SO, YOU KNOW, NOTHING'S GETTING HELPED, YOU KNOW, AS

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1 FAR AS THIS, AND I'M NOT SURE -- I GOT CONTACTED LATE LAST
2 NIGHT, I'M SURE THIS WILL BE HANDLED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS I UNDERSTAND IT, D.P.S.S. AND OTHERS
5 ARE WORKING WITH YOU AND I'LL HAVE MY STAFF WORK WITH YOU, AS
6 WELL. WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP?

7

8 **MELIA COOK:** CAN I ADD ONE MORE THING? I HAVE TO LEAVE THIS
9 AREA IN A TIMELY MANNER BECAUSE I FEAR FOR MY SAFETY IN THE
10 AREA. SOMEBODY BROKE IN MY CAR THREE TIMES WHILE I WAS IN IT
11 TO STEAL IT. AND SOMEBODY'S STALKING ME SO I NEED TO LEAVE
12 THIS AREA. SO I NEED IT EXPEDITED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR MY
13 SAFETY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

16

17 **MELIA COOK:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL WORK WITH. BOBBY COOPER. JESUS
20 HILARIO? ERIC PREVEN? ETHEL JOHNSON? KRISTIN CORTESE? MA'AM,
21 WAIT, DON'T LEAVE.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.
24 JUST ONE MORE COMMENT ABOUT THAT ELECTRONIC MONITORING REPORT.
25 IT'S AWKWARD WE HAD THE MEETING BEFORE THE REPORT WAS OUT

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1 BECAUSE WE COULDN'T DIG INTO THE ACTUAL REPORT. WE GOT THE
2 SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS COMING. THAT IS SOMETHING TO WORK ON IN
3 THE FUTURE, I THINK. I'M VERY CONCERNED WITH THE ITEM 2 TURN
4 OF EVENTS. YOU'VE PUSHED TO JULY A REPORT BACK FROM THE COUNTY
5 COUNSEL TO EXAMINE WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN GET STATUTORY POWER
6 OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WELL OBVIOUSLY THAT'S AN
7 ENORMOUSLY UPHILL CLIMB. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY KNEW THAT WHEN
8 HE PROPOSED WHY DON'T WE LOOK AT IT OVER A NUMBER OF MONTHS.
9 WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT IT FOR YEARS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT, IN
10 FACT, WE DON'T WANT STATUTORY POWER OVER THE SHERIFF PER SE.
11 WE WANT THE POWER OF PUBLIC SCRUTINY. THAT WILL ALL BE TABLED
12 UNTIL JOHN KRATTLI, WHO WRITES LONG LEGAL REPORTS THAT
13 SUPERVISORS LOOK AT AND THEN DECIDE TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
14 OR IN OPPOSITION TO, ET CETERA. IT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT. IT'S
15 VERY UPSETTING. I WOULD JUST SAY ONE THING ABOUT RESTRAINT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE RESTRAINT HERE IS NOTICEABLE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ETHEL JOHNSON? KRISTIN CORTESE? OSCAR
22 MOHAMMED AND THEN ROGER DIAMOND?

23

24 **KRISTINE CORTESE:** MY NAME IS KRISTIN CORTESE, AND I'M HERE
25 TODAY BEFORE YOU TODAY TO HUMBLY AND RESPECTFULLY ASKING FOR

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1 SOME ASSISTANCE FROM YOUR OFFICE TO FIX THIS PROBLEM THAT L.A.
2 COUNTY CREATED. CURRENTLY IN L.A., MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES HAVE
3 TAKEN A CUT. THE PET TEAM IS NOT AVAILABLE 24/7. L.A.P.D. DOES
4 NOT WANT TO BE BOTHERED UNTIL A CRIME IS COMMITTED. NOW, WHEN
5 WE TALK AN TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE AND TRAVESTY OF LIFE AND SYSTEM
6 FAILURE, CURRENTLY IN L.A. THERE'S A FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH
7 WHO WAS GRAVELY DISABLED FACING FULL BLOWN PSYCHIATRIC BREAK
8 AFTER L.A. COUNTY D.C.F.S., A.R.A. STEPHANIE HARGEAST FAILED
9 TO REUNIFY THIS CHILD WITH HIS FAMILY. THEY VIOLATED SEVERAL
10 LAWS, SEVERAL OF THIS CHILD'S CIVIL RIGHTS. AND THEY JUST PUT
11 HIM ON AN AIRPLANE AND THEY NEVER CHECKED ON HIM. HE WAS IN A
12 DARK, WET ISLAND IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC FENDING FOR HIMSELF
13 HOMELESS AND HUNGRY. SO FAR AWAY FROM HIS LOVED ONES IN SUCH
14 DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS THAT THIS CHILD TRIED TO TAKE HIS OWN
15 LIFE. AND I CAN'T ACCESS SERVICES TO HELP HIM AND L.A. COUNTY
16 NEVER HAD JURISDICTION ON MY FAMILY.

17
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

19
20 **MELIA COOK:** I LIVE IN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S SECOND DISTRICT.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD WE HAVE SOMEONE VISIT?

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RATHER IMMEDIATELY.

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1 **MELIA COOK:** AFTER WHAT HE DID.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVE OVER HERE. SOMEONE FROM MARK'S
4 OFFICE WILL TALK TO YOU. THANK YOU, MARK.

5

6 **MELIA COOK:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MARK.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MA'AM?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

13

14 **OSCAR MUHAMMED:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE
15 OPPRESSED AND CULTURAL POOR AND CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO
16 TALK ABOUT BLACK HISTORY SINCE FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY
17 MONTH, AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT BLACK HISTORY WITH THE
18 BLACK PEOPLE'S THAT MADE CONTRIBUTION WITH THEIR HEART AND
19 THEIR SOUL AND THEIR FAMILY. TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE RUN INCREDIBLE
20 SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH FOR BLACK PEOPLE. ANDREW CARNEGIE, HE
21 SPONSORED, HE GAVE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON MONEY TO BUILD
22 TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE. BOOKER T., WASHINGTON THE "T" STANDS FOR
23 TELEVIDEO WASHINGTON. THE REQUIREMENT FOR TUSKEGEE IN THE '60S
24 YOU HAD TO BE AN HONOR STUDENT PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL TO GO INTO
25 TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE AND YOU HAVE TO GO IN REQUIREMENT TO FINISH

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1 AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE YOU HAD TO HAVE HONORS. TO GO TO LAW YOU
2 HAD TO FINISH LAWYER UNIVERSITY WITH HONORS. THE MAJORITY OF
3 HISTORICAL BLACK SCHOOLS WAS MADE IN THE SOUTH. THIS ONE
4 MINUTE IS CRUEL, THOUGH. THAT'S CRUEL.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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8 **OSCAR MUHAMMED:** THAT'S CRUEL, THOUGH, ONE MINUTE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ETHEL JOHNSON. IS ROGER DIAMOND HERE?
11 JABREAL MOHAMMED? ETHEL GOING TO WAIT? DREXEL JOHNSON. MELLO
12 DESIRE.

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14 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY MY NAME IS
15 ETHEL JOHNSON. E-T-H-E-L- JOHNSON. AND I CAN ONLY SAY FOR ALL
16 THE SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, I WORK IN HIS
17 AREA. I WORK IN EVERY ONE OF YOUR AREAS. BUT I'M ALSO IN MARK
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS AREA FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, I DID MY INTERNSHIP
19 THERE, E.K.G. AND OTHERS. WHAT I'M COMING TO THE BOARD TODAY
20 IS FOR THE SENIORS. THERE'S BEEN A LOT, A LOT OF KILLINGS WITH
21 THE SENIORS. THERE'S NO LIABILITY. NO LIABILITY ON OFFICERS
22 FOR LOS ANGELES CITY. IT'S BEEN ELDERLY ABUSE AND I'M GOING TO
23 FILE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AS A COMMITTEE AND JOIN A COMMITTEE,
24 SOMETHING THAT WILL DO SOMETHING FOR MY INJURIES. I WORKED FOR
25 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I ALSO RESIGNED DECEMBER 10TH I

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1 CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND THE REST OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND RETIRED.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DREXELL JOHNSON. MELLO
5 DESIRE. JOHN WALSH. THANK YOU. NEXT, SIR?

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7 **JABRIEL MOHAMMAD:** JABRIEL MOHAMMAD FOR BISMILLAH THE JUSTICE
8 MOVEMENT. THIS BEING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, WHICH IS
9 AN AMERICAN HOLIDAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR
10 HERO MOHAMMED ALI. THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT GIVES A SHOUT OUT TO
11 MUHAMMAD ALI BECAUSE HIS STANCE FOR JUSTICE DURING HIS TRYING
12 TIMES WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED OF DRAFT DODGING WHEN HE HELD DEARLY
13 TO HIS FAITH. AND DEMANDED JUSTICE APPEAL HIS FIRST AMENDMENT
14 RIGHTS. ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT HE WENT TO BE
15 VINDICATED. SO WE SEND A SHOUT OUT IN THIS BLESSED MONTH FOR A
16 GREAT AMERICAN HERO MUHAMMAD ALI.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ROBERTSON RICHARDSON? TERESIJA SIGMUND.
19 DAVID SERRANO. AND DEBRA POLEE

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21 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.
22 HERE WITH PRAISE THAT WILL NOT BE INTERRUPTED. SUPERVISOR
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AS YOU KNOW, WE CRACK DOWN ON THE BROWN RACISTS
24 AT THE L.A. TIMES WHO IS FROM INDIA WHO THINKS HE CAN ATTACK
25 BLACK PEOPLE AS HE ATTACKED YOU AND SPENT A FORTUNE AND LET'S

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1 SAY IT, SINCE WE CAME BACK, THE L.A. WEEKLY AND MYSELF, THEY
2 SHUT THEIR MOUTHS OVER THERE. MAY RAJ. THEY SHUT THEIR MOUTHS.
3 GARAGE GATE WAS RACISM. BECAUSE HIS SKIN WAS BROWN, HE'S
4 ALLOWED TO BE RACIST UNDER POLITICAL CORRECTNESS. BUT IT WAS
5 RACISM. YOU HAVE NOTHING, YOU DID NOTHING WRONG. AND TODAY THE
6 L.A. TIMES TWEETED THAT THERE WAS A GUNMAN ON TOP OF THE CITY
7 HALL. I HAVE IT ON MY WEBSITE. N.B.C. SAID IT WAS A MINI RIOT
8 OVER THERE. IT NEVER HAPPENED. THEY REPORT FALSE NEWS AT THE
9 L.A. TIMES. THEY REPORT ABOUT YOUR GARAGE AND THEY REPORT
10 ABOUT A GUNMAN ON TOP OF THE CITY HALL. NONSENSE.
11 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. NOTICE THEY DIDN'T INTERRUPT ME.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TERESIJA? WHOEVER. MR.
14 SERRANO, GO AHEAD. ONE OF YOU.

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16 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** OKAY. YOU CALLED ME FIRST. ANYHOW, NUMEROUS
17 TIMES BEEN ASKING FOR RELIGIOUS RIGHTS THE ONES OF MY FAMILY.
18 YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO. YOU DIDN'T PUT ANYTHING IN MOTION. THE
19 NEW SOCIAL WORKER HAS TOLD ME HE'S NOT SHERIFF OF BURBURY OR
20 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. EVERYBODY'S HANDS ARE TIED. AND I HAVE
21 RIGHTS THAT ARE CONSTITUTIONAL. WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE DOING
22 HERE? HOW CAN YOU NOT PUT IN PLACE THAT MY RELIGIOUS RIGHTS
23 ARE BEING NOT VIOLATED? FURTHERMORE THE NEW SOCIAL WORKER PUT
24 IN PLACE THE MOST LOGICAL THING IS THAT MY CHILD DOESN'T HAVE
25 TO GO RUSH FROM SCHOOL TO THE VISIT. THEY WOULD CUT TIME. AND

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1 I COMPLAINED ABOUT THAT FOR A YEAR TO YOU. YOU DIDN'T DO
2 ANYTHING. THE PROBLEM IS THE D.C.F.S. IT ONLY HAPPENS WHEN
3 THEY WANT IT TO HAPPEN. THEY ARE A LOOSE BEAST ENTIRELY ON
4 THEIR OWN AND NOBODY IS HELPING US PARENTS.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT?

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8 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY
9 SPIRIT. THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE GOD, AMEN. HALLELUJAH. THE
10 HOLY TRINITY IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD, THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN
11 AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN. ETERNAL JESUS WAS CONCEIVED BY THE
12 POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD AND CHRIST WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN
13 MARY. JESUS NEVER SINNED. JESUS PREACHED THE WORD OF GOD. HE
14 FORGAVE PEOPLE'S SINS AND HE DID MANY AWESOME MIRACLES,
15 INCLUDING RAISING DEAD PEOPLE TO LIFE. INNOCENT JESUS DIED FOR
16 OUR SINS ON THE CROSS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE. HE WAS BURIED AND ON
17 THE THIRD DAY JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB.
18 JESUS APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES OVER THE COURSE OF
19 40 DAYS. JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN. JESUS CHRIST IS AT
20 THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY IN THE KINGDOM OF
21 GOD, AMEN. WE ARE SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH FAITH IN
22 JESUS. CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE KINGDOM OF
23 HEAVEN, AMEN. CHRISTIANS LIVE FOREVER WITH GOD. HALLELUJAH,
24 AMEN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT?

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3 **DEBORAH POLEE:** MY NAME IS DEBORAH POLEE. I CAME TO TALK TO YOU
4 ABOUT COUNTY EMPLOYEES LOSING THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS. AND YOU GUYS
5 HAVE A THING CALLED COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL. AND THAT
6 PANEL WAS SUPPOSED TO BE UTILIZED FOR WHEN EMPLOYEES HAVE
7 VIOLATIONS AGAINST THEM THAT ARE PROTECTED LAWS LIKE
8 DISCRIMINATION. AND I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT MY COMPLAINTS ARE
9 NOT BEING HEARD, BUT A COMPLAINT THAT WAS SUBMITTED JANUARY
10 THE 8TH, A COMPLAINT THAT WAS SUBMITTED JANUARY THE 24TH AND A
11 COMPLAINT THAT WAS SUBMITTED JANUARY 30TH AGAINST ME WERE ALL
12 ASSIGNED TO A WORKER. MY COMPLAINT WAS SUBMITTED JANUARY THE
13 5TH AND I'M TOLD THAT IT'S STILL PENDING WAITING TO BE
14 ASSIGNED A WORKER. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHEN DO WE STOP PROTECTING
15 EMPLOYEES' CIVIL RIGHTS? THE POLICY OF EQUITY IS SUPPOSED TO
16 HAVE DIGNITY AND PROFESSIONALISM IN THE WORKPLACE AS WELL AS
17 TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES TO BE FREE FROM
18 DISCRIMINATION, UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT, RETALIATION AND
19 INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT. I'M REQUESTING TO MEET WITH MS. SPILLER
20 AND WHOMEVER YOU GUYS ASSIGN ME TO, PLEASE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

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24 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS
25 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL

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1 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,
2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
3 ITEM NUMBER CS-2, COUNSEL WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
4 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE AND ITEM NUMBER
5 CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON
6 THE POSTED AGENDA.

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